

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SLASHES ECONOMIC AID TO SYRIA IN HALF

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee cut the Ford Administration's recommendation in economic supporting assistance for Syria almost in half because the government in Damascus has not shown serious intention to negotiate on issues in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

This came to light in the committee's report to the full Senate on its authorization measure for the fiscal year 1976 of an aid program totalling \$4.397 billion, plus an additional 25% for the transitional budget quarter of three months that precedes the new fiscal year 1977 beginning Oct. 1.

"The committee has generously funded the programs for Middle Eastern countries because it strongly supports the Sinai agreement and efforts to achieve further disengagement of forces and movement toward peace among all parties in the Middle East conflict, the committee's report said.

"The committee has reduced the proposed program for Egypt by only \$50 million despite budget stringencies because Egypt has responded positively toward U.S. efforts to secure peace in the Middle East and is beset with serious economic problems," the report continued.

"The request for Syria was cut more severely, however, because Syria has not yet demonstrated that it seriously intends to negotiate even an interim, let alone more permanent resolution of issues currently endangering peace in the Middle East. Military and supporting assistance programs for Jordan were reduced 'because that country is the recipient of significant assistance from other Arab states, some of which enables Jordan to pay for its military purchases in the United States. Thus even military credits for Jordan are effectively grants since they are underwritten by third countries,' the committee said.

Jordan's allocation in the bill for fiscal 1976 is also \$50 million in economic supporting assistance, \$5 million less than the Administration's request. The committee cut in half the Administration's request of \$100 million in grant military aid to Jordan but allowed to stand the proposed \$75 million in military credit and an additional \$800,000 in military training costs plus \$162,000 for international narcotics control. Lebanon was allowed \$5 million in military credits and a grant of \$200,000 for training.

Teachers may strike in dispute with board

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Strike action seems the likely course for 41 general studies teachers at the United Synagogue Day School who have been frustrated in their attempt to resolve a three-year contract dispute with their board.

At a weekend meeting held in the Marlee Street Zionist Centre, spokesmen told a crowd of 300 concerned parents that a straw vote of 70% of the staff found the teachers unanimously in favor of strike should the stalemate in present government-enforced negotiations persist.

Acting Chairman of the Association of General Studies Teachers in Hebrew Day Schools, (the body negotiating for the USDS union and four other schools), Tom Jutovich said in an interview that teachers "have tried every alternative." Should negotiations break down, which he feels is almost inevitable, "we can stay on strike indefinitely without causing any financial problems. We have diverted 85% of our treasury to a strike fund."

USDS' Board Chairman Dr. Lou Myers insists contract negotiations have by no means been completed. "Who said talks have to break down?" he asked. "I have a package contract our teachers should be able to live with." Sentiments expressed at the weekend rally indicate clear, he added, that "if they strike they lose the parents. If that didn't get through to them they have war in their ears."

The crux of the present quarrel centres on a proposed contract, which the teachers claim is the final offer of their board. The contract, presented to the teachers at a January meeting, was rejected unanimously by the general studies teachers because they say it is regressive on issues of wages, working conditions and fringe benefits.

Despite the fact they insist a subsequent meeting would serve no purpose, the teachers were scheduled to sit down with their board and government mediators for talks this week, as the CJN went to press. The results of that session will dictate the future tactics the teachers will adopt.

In a statement released to the paper recently, in advance of their weekend meeting, the Association of General Studies Teachers explained their motivation for spurning the latest proposals: "The consensus was that any offer acceptable to the teachers must reflect the desire of the board to effect a reasonable compromise, which would improve rather than worsen existing conditions."

One source close to the negotiations claimed the "final" board offer was a "step backward" on salary and tenure details. The contract, in effect, said the spokesman, has asked USDS teachers to take a cut in salary and agree to a rate below the Metro Toronto public school scale.

Under the tenure clause, the majority of part-time teachers could be fired without cause at any time, while public school teachers are granted tenure after a two-year probationary period, the spokesman added.

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ISRAEL, HERE WE COME!
They're off to sunny Israel. These delegates to the Canadian Zionist Federation's convention in Jerusalem await their jet at Toronto International Airport. CJN Associate Editor, Lewis Levendel, will report on the various convention activities. (David Groskind photo)

Begin warns against 'Arafat state'

By GOLDA N. BERG

TORONTO — The creation of an "Arafat state" in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) is tantamount to welcoming a Soviet-dominated branch plant regime to the Mideast and to realizing the "Angolization" of Israel, says Menachem Begin, Opposition leader in the Knesset.

The controversial politician, here on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, pointed to the massive airlifts of Soviet armaments, to back Angola's pro-Communist factions, as a certain sign of the ability of the Kremlin to intervene in strategic territorial disputes.

Israel, of greater tactical importance and proximity to Russia than the embattled former Portuguese colony, would be committing suicide were she to yield to demands for a separate Palestinian state. Begin reiterated throughout a short interview with the CJN following a poorly-attended press conference at the Inn on the Park.

"Mr. Arafat has been lingering in Moscow more than in Damascus," pointed out the 63-year-old politician. "A Soviet base in the territorial heart of the Mideast region would be a mortal danger for us as well as the free world."

"P.O.", or "occupied territories", Begin, founder of the Herut Party and leader of the Likud bloc in Knesset, called these designations "indecisive terminology."

A former leader of Israel's underground army, the Irgun, which aimed at throwing the British out of Palestine by force, he stood fast to his major premises that: "Palestinians are no more than just simply Arabs — Arabs residing in Israel and offered equal rights; or refugees who fled following the War of Independence 'and who should be resettled in Arab lands'."

— Palestine in a non-entirety, merely the archaic foreign name for present-day Israel; — occupied territories are no more than the lands (Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip) which Israel has an inalienable and historic right to control; a right which cannot be undermined through the relinquishment of Israeli sovereignty.

Stating his preference for not maligning the Rabin government while abroad, Begin did say the control of Samaria and Judea "is a central issue for our rights, security and peace."

The thorny problem, both domestically and internationally, could force an early election and referendum on the Israelis in 1976, should a majority vote dissolve the Knesset, he added.

He would support such a move if the bulk of MKs considered it feasible to push for a plebiscite before the 1977 election date required by law.

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Arabs' monolithic vision at root of conflict: Eban

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"Three percent of the human race has 17% of the votes in the United Nations and 60% of the world's oil reserves," Abba Eban told an audience of nearly 600 national community leaders at an Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith dinner.

He said the Arab nations "with all this privilege of advantage and wealth, are the spoiled children of contemporary politics."

Eban said that the root and essence of the Mideast conflict is the Arabs' "monolithic vision" of that part of the world.

Declaring that "anything not Arab is viewed as being alien," he said they seek to "eliminate Israel's Jewish personality as they sought to eliminate the Kurdish National Movement in Iraq and the Christians in Lebanon."

He warned, "If Israel is not strong, what has happened to Christians in Lebanon in the past 10 months can happen to Jews."

He pointed out that since the Arabs have not been able to eliminate Israel physically, they are trying to eliminate the Jewish state "in a world of semantic fantasy at the UN."

Can overcome matter and quantity," Eban called for solidarity of Diaspora Jews and those in Israel.

"We can not bear our burdens alone," he declared, adding, "and why should we? Whatever we have built has been built by you and we together...the state of Israel is every Jew's possession."

Brofman, in accepting the ADL special award from Philip M. Klutznick, honorary president of B'nai B'rith and a member of ADL's national executive committee, also discussed that concept.

"Every Jew in the world," he said, "feels attacked when Israel is attacked. A threat to Israel is a threat to us all. We might survive Israel's defeat, but we would be so diminished that such survival would be hollow."

Israel Likud leader Menachem Begin tells UJA canvassers that a Palestinian state in occupied Arab lands would endanger Israel's existence. Wilfred Posluns, UJA campaign chairman, listens to speech attentively. (Graphic Artists)

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Denounces racism resolution

MacEachen stresses Canada's role is aiding UN, not 'junking' it

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — The interests of world peace will be better served if Canada seeks to reform the United Nations rather than "junk" it, says Allan MacEachen.

Characterizing the recent UN resolution equating Zionism with racism as "unhelpful, troublesome and destructive," Canada's external affairs minister told The Canadian Jewish News that Ottawa should continue to work within the United Nations in the hope of fashioning it into a more effective body than it is today.

MacEachen, fresh from a 10-day fact-finding tour of Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Iraq, made these and other comments in the course of an exclusive 30-minute interview Monday afternoon at his office on Parliament Hill.

In a wide-ranging but carefully-worded interview, MacEachen said Canada at this time has no intention of recognizing the PLO as the representative of the Palestinians, and stressed that the parties in the Arab-Israeli dispute must solve the conflict themselves. He expressed the view that Egypt's Anwar Sadat and Jordan's King Hussein genuinely desire a peaceful settlement, and urged a cautious approach to the plight of Syrian Jewry.

An External Affairs Department press spokesman taped the interview, and MacEachen said wryly that the ministry had to record his utterances for the sake of posterity.

Asked if the United Nations had become too politicized in recent years, MacEachen addressed himself to the widely-deplored anti-Zionist resolution. He attacked the resolution but said nothing could be done to prevent nations from introducing "bad" resolutions.

Trying to see the brighter side of things, MacEachen said some countries that are supposed to be part of the Arab-Third World bloc regularly voting against Israel, are beginning to have serious reservations about the course of United Nations diplomacy. He hinted that these "misgivings" might become "stronger and stronger" in the future.

He emphasized that Canada should fight to reduce anti-Israeli manifestations at the United Nations and to attempt to make the UN into a more effective and less acrimonious organization. He suggested that it would be a mistake of the first order to scrap the United Nations. Regarding the Palestinians, MacEachen was asked to comment on a news story that the secretary-general of the Arab League had said it was inevitable that Canada — and the rest of the world — would recognize the PLO as the role representative of the Palestinian people.

Smiling and shrugging his shoulders, MacEachen said Canada does not intend to change her current policy. The policy states that the Palestinians should be involved in any negotiations respecting their future but it does not acknowledge the PLO as the official representative of the Palestinians.

MacEachen, however, said that Ottawa's policy may very well be altered with changing conditions — conditions he did not wish to pinpoint. Pressed to explain, he said that if the Geneva Peace Conference is reconvened and all the parties to the dispute, including Israel and the PLO, attend "it seems to me that the matter would have been settled."

He quickly added he was not forecasting such a development. Canada, he said, would not request Israel to recognize the PLO because Israel herself had to determine what was in her own self-interest. He underlined the fact that Canada could not stipulate the elements of a settlement, and reaffirmed that the External Affairs Department supported UN resolutions 242 and 338 as the basis for an Arab-Israeli agreement.

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embraced PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat and promised to permit the PLO to open an office in Mexico City. In Israel later, Echeverria visited kibbutzim and villages. He made pro-Zionist statements and vowed Mexican-Israeli friendship. This calmed the nerves of some Mexican Jews. But in November, Mexico joined the pro-Arab majority in the General Assembly's Third Committee and later in the Assembly itself to condemn Zionism along with apartheid as a racist movement.

Once more, Jews here were dismayed. Echeverria tried to make amends. He dispatched then Foreign Minister Rabasa to Jerusalem for a rapprochement with Israel. Rabasa laid a wreath on Herzl's tomb. He explained Mexico's vote in the UN as a political necessity and affirmed that Mexico was not anti-Zionist and that it valued its friendship with Israel.

The Israeli authorities seemed to accept his explanations. But Jews here believed that were it not for the tourist boycott by U.S. and Canadian Jews, Echeverria would not have sent his foreign minister on a conciliation mission. Rabasa found himself in trouble as soon as he returned. The Mexican press attacked him for apologizing to Israel and thus compromising the nation's honor. Some papers found it necessary to mention that his mother's name is Mishkin.

Rabasa resigned under pressure. His successor, the new foreign minister Alfonso Garcia Robles, stated there was no change in Mexico's foreign policy or in its friendly attitude toward Israel. But it was Robles, cast his country's UN envoy, cast his country's vote in favor of the anti-Zionist resolution.

But Jews here are still uneasy. It is very difficult to be on good terms with both God and the Devil. Mexico's flirtation with the Arabs, while attempting to reassure Israel, resembles the precarious performance of a tight-rope walker. He may fall, and Mexico's Jews are wondering, which way?



Allan MacEachen

Jews in Mexico shaken by events

MEXICO CITY (JTA) —

This is a time of disquiet for Mexico's Jews. They are nervous, uneasy and to no small degree bewildered by their government's zig-zag policy toward the Middle East — complimentary to Israel one day, supportive of the Palestine Liberation Organization the next.

Jews here are also worried about the attitudes expressed in the daily press. The boycott by Jews from the United States and Canada in response to Mexico's vote in favor of the UN General Assembly resolution branding Zionism as racism is blamed for the serious slump in this country's tourist industry. The newspapers fail to point out what Minister of Tourism Julio Hirschfeld Almada himself has confirmed: that Mexico has lost non-Jews as well as Jewish tourists from the U.S. and Canada this winter because of exorbitant prices and poor service in many resorts.

It must be said that apart from Mexico's ambiguous position on Israel and Zionism, Mexican Jewry still enjoys good relations with the authorities. There is no discrimination against Jews in colleges and universities. Jews occupy high positions in the fields of science, commerce, industry, administration and in government.

The new Mexican ambassador to the United Nations, Roberto Rosenzweig Diaz, is of part-Jewish ancestry. Ironically, his previous post was Mexico's ambassador to Egypt. The minister of tourism, mentioned above, is also partly Jewish. And the former foreign minister, Emilio O. Rabasa, has a Jewish mother whose maiden name is Mishkin. Mexican Jewry is, in short, well off.

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World News

Review access to Temple Mount

JERUSALEM (JCNS) — Yitzhak Raphael, Israel's Minister of Religious Affairs, is asking the Rabbinical authorities to consider the matter of Jews praying in the Temple Mount area. This follows a ruling by a judge here that Jews were entitled to pray there.

The Mount is the site of two mosques, El Aksa and the Dome of the Rock, and is revered as Islam's third holiest site after Mecca and Medina.

Raphael told a meeting of his National Religious Party members that while no one challenged the judge's statement, the limitations imposed by Jewish law had to be observed.

Soon after the 1967 Six Day War, the 12 member Supreme Rabbinical Council, with the late

Rabbi I.J. Unterman, then Ashkenazi chief rabbi, presiding, prohibited Jews from entering the Temple Mount area. Its day to day affairs are controlled by the Moslem Wakf (religious authority).

Judge Ruth Or gave her ruling when she acquitted eight members of Betar, the right-wing Herut youth movement, of causing a disturbance on the Temple Mount on Independence Day in May last year.

They were part of a group of 30 young Jews who sought to hold a prayer meeting, but they were confronted by Arab youths and there were scuffles between the two groups. Ordered to leave by the police, the eight youths refused and were detained and charged.

The judge also reprimanded the police, saying they had infringed the law permitting free access to the Holy Places. She said the Ministry of Religious Affairs must issue regulations to clarify who had the right of prayer "where and when."

She also said she was amazed that the ban on Jewish worship on the Mount was apparently no older than Israel's administration.

Israeli law guarantees free access to the members of all faiths to their Holy Places, but does not specify which site is holy to which religion.

The Israeli authorities have exercised caution not to offend Moslem sensibilities and, according to the Halacha (rabbinic law), Jews are forbidden to set foot on the Temple Mount until the advent of the Messiah.

Some religious authorities maintain the ban is limited to the precise Temple area and not to the whole Mount.



Security is the watchword in Israel. Youthful soldier guards pilgrims visiting Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem. Meanwhile, an elderly member of a Galilee kibbutz, Uzzi submachine gun in hand, does guard duty from the safety of a trench. Since the Six Day War, hundreds of Israeli civilians have been killed by terrorist bombs both in the occupied Arab territories and in Israel. (Starphot photograph)

Jordan accord sought

WASHINGTON (JCNS)—The United States and Israel will press for an Israel-Jordan disengagement agreement as the next step in the uphill struggle for peace. This was a major conclusion reached during the four-day visit here of Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

This means both America and Israel will try to bring about a change in the present situation which gives recognition to the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole authorized representative of the Palestinians.

Britain defends its UN record

LONDON (JCNS) — Explanations about why Britain abstained from voting at the United Nations Security Council recently, both on the resolution inviting the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the volatile Middle East debate and on the one-sided, pro-Arab resolution that was vetoed by the United States, are being given to Jewish organizations here by Foreign Secretary James Callaghan.

The Foreign Office has already defended the British position in the Security Council in a number of letters written on its behalf by Callaghan himself (in reply to Lord Fisher), by the Minister of State David Ennals (to S. Shipton, general secretary of the Zionist Federation) and by the head of the Near East and North Africa Department Alan Urwick (to Herut).

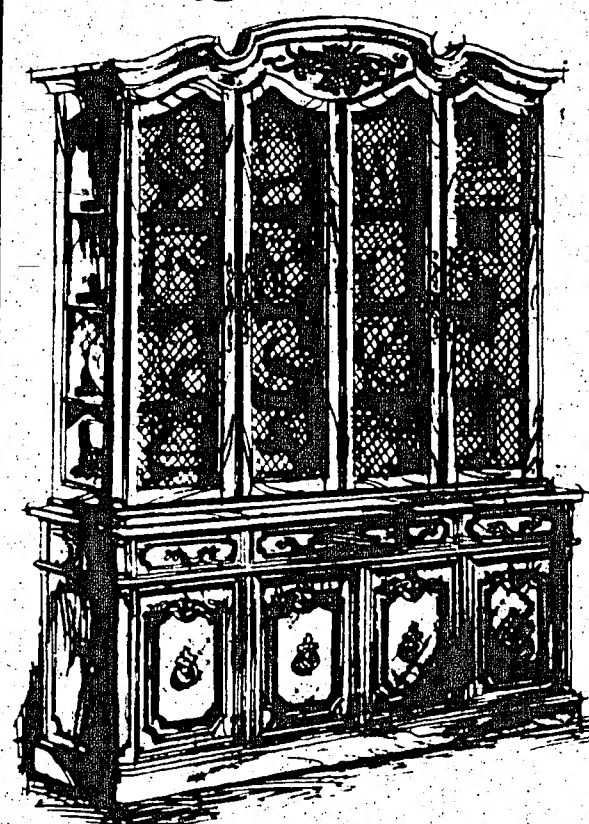
Callaghan called that Britain had opposed the original invitation to the PLO on the grounds that

"its participation is an undesirable and unnecessary departure from established practice," but decided afterwards to "take account of the majority view in the Security Council. The Foreign Secretary assured Lord Fisher that "there is, of course, no question of any diminution in Britain's goodwill towards Israel."

Explaining why Britain abstained on the vetoed resolution, Ennals recalled the British amendment which had "unfortunately" been defeated in the Security Council and which had tried to reassert the provisions of its previous resolutions 242 and 338, as the basis for a negotiated solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

However, both Ennals and Urwick made it clear in their communications that resolutions 242 and 338 must now be supplemented by the recognition that "the Palestinians must be taken into account not just as refugees, but as a people with political rights."

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Al Foreman (right, top) takes over presidency of Hamilton Jewish Federation from Dr. J.J. Shekter. Claire Mandel (bottom) presents El Al bags to Sam Brownstone, executive director of Jewish Community Centre, and his wife Odette. Brownstone is Hamilton's representative to Canadian Zionist Federation convention in Israel. He is being sent to Israel in honor of his 25th year with J.C.C. (Hall)

Hamilton almost split over education budget

By MOURA WOLPERT
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON — Last minute compromise narrowly averted a split in Hamilton's Jewish community and behind-the-scenes discussion still under way as the annual general meeting of the Hamilton Jewish Federation moved towards the half-way mark and the installations of officers for 1976.

Budget allocations for Jewish education was the issue which had threatened to divide the community and 20 additional candidates were persuaded to withdraw their nominations, allowing the slate of 20 members-at-large to remain as presented by the nominations committee headed by Dr. Franklin Shapiro.

Incoming Federation president, lawyer Al Foreman, who had prepared two different speeches, pledged himself to "help overcome the differences between us which have been manifested over the past several years... If we do nothing this year but resolve this conflict, I feel that we will have accomplished something of which we can be justly proud."

Earlier, retiring president Dr. J.J. Shekter had expressed his deep unease at the consequences of a possible split in the community. "I feel all directions and all polarities of Judaism are important and strong and necessary," he told the meeting.

The conflict came to a head at a delegate assembly meeting in December when members first voted to amend the H.J.F. constitution, thus providing for a larger and more representative executive board. A subsequent stormy debate over budget allocations led to a stalemate when delegates realized they had earlier voted themselves out of existence and were

powerless to deal with budget changes until after the election of a new executive.

The education budget had brought out into the open a long-brewing conflict over the Jewish Community Centre. Charging that "the centre has long outlived its usefulness," an increasingly vocal group under the leadership of Rabbi Israel N. Silverman of Beth Jacob synagogue has been urging that funds allocated for the J.C.C. would be better spent on education.

A temporary truce was reached when both sides agreed to a six-month period during which the new board will try and come to some agreement on budget allocations. Despite his support for increased education allo-

cations, Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel synagogue and dean of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, rushed to the meeting almost immediately upon his return from a trip to Israel and persuaded both sides "to achieve unity for the sake of the whole community."

Also, a professional, six-month survey of the needs of the community is to be undertaken.

Unity and togetherness were also stressed by guest speaker Dr. Joseph E. Cohen of New York City, newly appointed community consultant of the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds and an expert on Jewish education, who warned the assembly that "to close a Jewish community centre begins to sound the death knell on any Jewish community."

TJC election

TORONTO —

Official results of the election for vice-presidents of the Toronto Jewish Congress were announced this week by the scrutineers, Mel Finkelman, Lou Lockshin and Sam Sable.

The scrutineers said David E. Newman received the highest number of votes and the other candidates placed in the following order, based on votes received: David Rotenberg, Rose Wolfe, Herb Solway, Jack M. Rose, Dr. Sidney L. Wax, Irving Feldman, Madeleine Epstein, Martin Rosen and Lou Ronson.

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'Adopt-A-Prisoner' program launched to aid Soviet Jewry

OTTAWA —

The Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, with the assistance of MP John Roberts (L-St. Paul's), has launched an "Adopt-A-Prisoner" program to encourage members of Parliament and senators to publicly lend their support to the cause of Soviet Jewry's Prisoners of Conscience.

In a letter addressed to all MPs and senators last month, Roberts called on his colleagues to help mitigate the severity of punishment faced by Jewish political prisoners in the Soviet Union. "As a

member of Parliament, your involvement will have considerable influence upon the responsible Soviet officials," he wrote.

The program will undertake to send letters and cards to Jewish prisoners, signed by the politicians; will inform the participants of the status of their "adopted" prisoner and will request MPs and senators, should the need arise, to write appropriate Soviet officials asking them to intercede on behalf of their "ward."

In the United States, a

similar program has been endorsed by Senators Kennedy, Percy, Javits, Humphrey, Schweicker as well as other political figures.

In making his plea to his fellow politicians, Roberts noted: "These Prisoners of Conscience are Soviet citizens who are in serious jeopardy because of the political nature of their 'crimes'." He stated that the program will stem solely from their desire to emigrate from the Soviet Union to Israel and elsewhere. Not only are most of the charges without substance, but many of the prisoners, once they have

been taken into custody, have found themselves subjected to physical and mental abuse."

Pointing to the recently released report by Amnesty International, Roberts informed his parliamentary colleagues that Jewish inmates, in particular, are in serious jeopardy because of the political nature of their "crimes."

Said the Toronto MP, who will attend the Brussels II world conference on Soviet Jewry next week: "Jewish prisoners are often the object of physical abuse on the part

of Nazi war criminals still in Soviet prisons."

Further bolstering his case, Roberts illustrated the Soviet Union's violation of the Helsinki Declaration of Human Rights as well as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. "Your adoption of one of these Prisoners of Conscience," urged the MP in his January letter, "will let both the prisoner and the Soviet authorities know that the well-being of the prisoner is under scrutiny by someone on the outside."

Mayor Greenberg will meet with Russian ambassador

By JO MIRA CLODMAN

OTTAWA —

Ottawa Mayor Lory Greenberg and several other Jews will meet with the Russian ambassador to debate issues of Jewish concern. The mayor announced the meeting last week during a panel discussion on "Being a Jew in politics — things my Mother never told me."

Sometimes the best way for a politician to work for Jewish concerns is out of the public eye, Greenberg explained. He arranged the meeting during a private talk with the ambassador.

But "if you want me to be your Jewish spokesman on every local issue... I'm not your leader," said the mayor. "We are elected as politicians and not as the leadership of the Jewish community," pointed out Urban Affairs Minister Barney Danson. "I keep in close contact with it but I feel that if I generally follow my instincts, I'm okay."

He said he hopes that "at the same time I can serve the community from which I spring."

His duties as urban affairs minister include chairing the UN Habitat conference, in which the PLO will participate. Digressions will occur, he conceded, and probably someone will get up and make an inflammatory statement about Zionism. "The best thing I can do now is make sure it's a conference that sticks to the issues."

Danson said he would accomplish nothing by resigning, but "we can accomplish a great deal in our jobs by dealing with the political facts of life."

Those who are elected to public office may be considered a lobby group in some people's minds, especially in the area of Israel's right to survive, said Hugh Segal, legislative secretary to Premier Bill Davis. "I think it is very critical for us that those who are elected to public office... avoid being put into anybody's pocket."

Just because a politician happens to be a Jew, "don't assume he's on your side," he said. "Often it's someone outside a minority group who is more open to taking up the cudgels for that group. Segal argued frequently it's also more effective if a non-Jew is in the leadership of the fight for Israel's rights, or Soviet Jewry, he added.

Being a Jew in politics is no different from being a member of any other minority group, said Greenberg. He felt the difference only during his mayoralty bid, when "there were individuals who didn't vote for me because I was Jewish." But there also were people who wouldn't have voted for a Frenchman, he said.

Opposition which surprised Mayor Greenberg came from a minority of Jews, who thought having a Jewish mayor was an "unhealthy situation."

They argued that as a good controller he brought respect to the community, but that as mayor he might not be able to respond to Jewish problems as effectively as a non-Jew. "Of course I laughed at it," Segal emphasized that it's "in the interest of any minority group not to be represented by only one political party."

'UN conference still unwelcome'

VANCOUVER —

Newspaper reports which gave the impression that Vancouver City Council had backtracked from its original opposition to hosting the Habitat conference here next May, were "decidedly misleading," according to Alderman Jack J. Volrich. In a letter to the editor of The Jewish Western Bulletin, Volrich said he

was writing to clarify the position of the majority of city council. The UN conference will be held in Vancouver by decision of the federal government and against the wishes of the majority of city council, Volrich wrote.

"The conference will come here unwelcome and with our serious misgivings," the alderman said.

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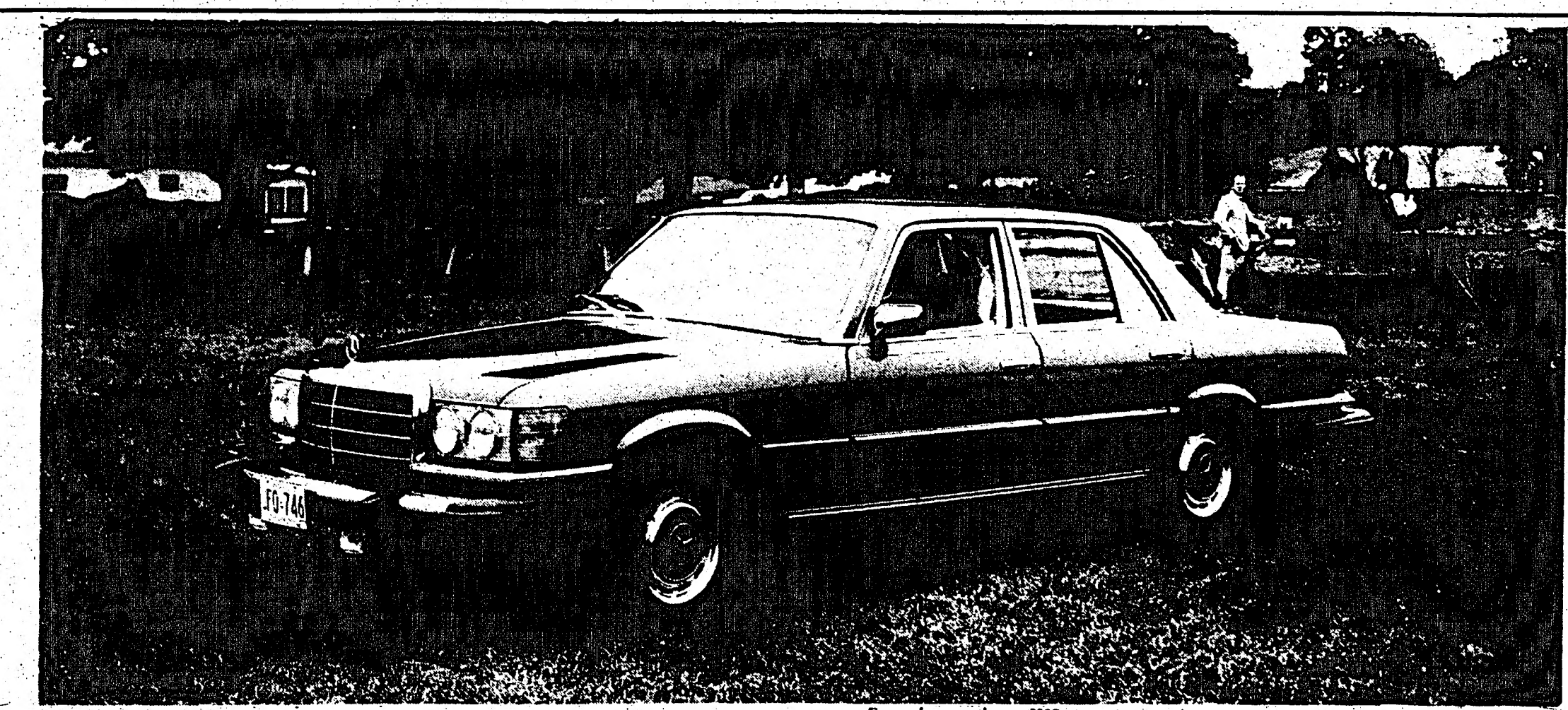
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Only flimsy accomplishments

Despite Rabin's U.S. visit, Israel's important problems remain unsolved

Nervousness, mutual suspicion and uncertainty about the future enveloped the talks in Washington between Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin and American President Gerald Ford. The Israeli leader arrived in the United States at a time when the strategies and political interests of the two governments are in conflict over the timing and substance of a Middle East settlement.

Clearly, Israel's objective was to achieve "mutual understanding" with her only ally — to hammer out a viable strategy that would preclude diplomatic initiatives prior to the American election. Skeptics in Israel, observing that this antiseptic phrase really meant that Jerusalem was feverishly attempting to dovetail comfortably into the broader U.S. scheme of things, charged that national policy must be based first and foremost on Israel's interests, and only then on the interests of the United States.

Premier Rabin's mission to Washington, a function of his desire to gain time in order to forestall what some see as inevitable developments, achieved mixed results. Messrs. Rabin and Ford wound up their talks with a reported understanding that the U.S. would try to convene the Geneva Peace Conference without the PLO. The White House agreed, much to Israel's satisfaction, that the PLO cannot sit at the same negotiating table with the Israelis until it recognizes the sovereignty of the Jewish state.

Yet one wonders what the Ford Administration will do should the PLO not be agreeable. And if war threatens the stability of the Syrian and Egyptian disengagement accords, there is little doubt that Israel, not the Arabs, will be asked to adopt a more flexible stance towards the Palestinians and the occupied areas.

In any event, Israel rightfully fears the PLO will ultimately be represented at Geneva, and that the U.S. will jettison the gradual, step-by-step diplomacy of Henry Kissinger. Should that occur, observers

argue, the weak Ford Administration would probably opt out for something close to the 1969 Rogers Plan. Named for William Rogers, the former U.S. secretary of state, the formulation called for an Israeli withdrawal from all but unsubstantial portions of the occupied territories. Significantly, the Rogers Plan, which Israel opposes adamantly, has never been endorsed or repudiated by the U.S. But the feeling among informed observers is that Henry Kissinger's grand design in the Middle East is nothing but a variation of the same theme.

Mr. Rabin also hoped to win his case for restoring the \$500 million that the White House had pared from the 1977 Israel aid program. It appears that he may have succeeded. But the indications are that Israel should not expect to be on the receiving end of generous American assistance indefinitely. The American economy, barring a true emergency in the Middle East, simply cannot sustain aid requests that run into the billions of dollars every year.

On balance, the most remarkable thing about the talks was that President Ford did not apparently pressure Israel into making new policy decisions. That in itself was an accomplishment in Israeli eyes, a transparent vindication of Yitzhak Rabin's policies.

But the fact of the matter is that the important and seminal decisions, on the occupied areas and the Palestinians, were postponed once again. One must come to the reluctant conclusion that in the fullness of time — six months, one year, two years — Israel will either be pushed, prodded or gently persuaded to accept unpalatable realities which her leaders, for reasons of their own, would rather turn a blind eye to at this juncture in the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Israel's testing time has yet to come, and Mr. Rabin must know this in spite of the relatively flimsy accomplishments he took back with him to Jerusalem.

Diaspora Jewry must be convinced difficulty facing olim is being tackled

Barry Mindel, who heads the World Mizrahi Economic Department, and Gad Yacobi, Israel's Minister of Transport, are in total agreement that Israel cannot flourish without a massive influx of immigrants. They recognize that immigration has fallen sharply and that the Jewish state is suffering economic hardship.

Mr. Yacobi wants Diaspora Jews to come to Israel in large numbers and until they do so, he says they have not attained the main vision of Zionism. David Ben Gurion, who never reconciled himself to the fact that Diaspora Jewry were not answering his call for aliyah, described them as "Jews from a distance."

But while Mr. Mindel and Mr. Yacobi see eye to eye on the urgent need for massive immigration, (it is reported that more Jews are leaving Israel than are coming), the former deals with what he calls the real deterrents to large-scale immigration. While the would-be immigrant is worried about a reduced standard of living, soaring inflation, taxes, expensive housing and such matters, these are not decisive factors influencing his decision.

The real deterrents, Mr. Mindel says, are the fear of burning his bridges, the possibility that even after acquiring full citizenship he fails to integrate and returns home where he is termed a "yored" and ostracized; the bureaucracy which he resents and the daily hardships for which he came totally unprepared. Military

service is another factor, and Mr. Mindel believes a temporary resident should not be subject to home guard duty but ought not be conscripted for active service in the army but be allowed to volunteer for non-combatant duty.

The Mizrahi official makes other proposals which he feels would be helpful in stimulating the dwindling stream of newcomers to Israel, proposals which he firmly believes will go a long way towards ensuring the integration of the immigrant into the new society.

We agree with much of what Mr. Mindel proposes in his interesting article. He touches but only briefly on the subject of propaganda and general information which he feels has been neglected. But his concern is that propaganda should be directed at the local population so as to make them feel that aliyah is for its own good and there is nothing to be jealous about. This is an excellent suggestion, but we would like to see its coverage widened to include Diaspora Jewry.

Petrodollars have enabled the Arab nations to undertake an international propaganda campaign in which every facet of communications is tapped. Israel cannot match this enormous expenditure, but considerably more must be done not only to present its case to the world, but to inform the Diaspora Jew that Israel not only wants him, she is prepared to remove some of the barriers in the path of his successful integration.

Spanish-Israeli diplomatic ties are now a distinct possibility

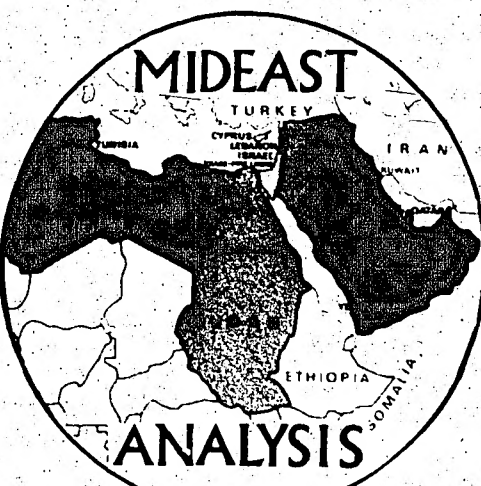
Spain is the only country in Western Europe with which Israel does not maintain diplomatic ties. Madrid has snubbed the Jewish state for fear of jeopardizing her trading connection with the Arab nations, indifferent to the glaring fact that she alone has not found a way to maintain embassies on both sides of the Arab-Israeli frontier.

With the death of Gen. Franco, whose stultified policies and reprehensible fascist ideology made his country an outpost among the civilized nations of the world, Spain may at last be able to free herself of the reactionary Falangist clique that has ruled the land since 1939. King Juan Carlos, his successor, is no flaming revolutionary; far from it. Yet he realizes, or at least his intelligent ministers do, that he will not survive politically unless he coaxes Spain into the modern era.

Israel is low on his list of priorities. Indeed, it is likely that Juan Carlos has not even addressed himself to the anomaly of a Spain without diplomatic representation in Jerusalem. However, his foreign minister, Jose Maria de Arelliza, has predicted diplomatic relations between Spain and Israel in the "not too distant future." Mr. de Arelliza's announcement may have been the result of unconfirmed meetings he had with his counterpart, Yigal Allon, in the last year.

Mr. Allon indicated that Israel would welcome normalization with Spain, at a time when Jerusalem finds herself increasingly isolated in the international community. But there will be the expected Arab resistance to an Israeli-Spanish rapprochement and Mr. Allon will not find it easy to achieve the goal to which Madrid's foreign minister alluded.

Syria, Palestinians and Lebanese leftists benefited



By SHELDON KIRSHNER
 C.J.N. Staff Reporter

Lebanon is tranquil but bloodied. A ceasefire has put an end to the internecine warfare that has convulsed the land since last April, but 10,000 Lebanese are dead and the prospect of further fighting cannot be discounted. Lebanon has not dissolved as a viable nation-state but the cry of partition still pierces the air. The issues which triggered the civil war, Lebanon's second in 18 years, still smoulder and have yet to be resolved.

As Lebanon pieces herself together again after 10 months of escalating bloodshed, the question uppermost in the minds of observers is who benefited from the fratricidal strife. The consensus is that the Syrians, Palestinians and Lebanese leftists emerged as the winners, with the Maronite Christians and Israelis coming out second best.

The Syrians covered themselves with glory by dint of their leverage over the rampaging Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) and due to their invaluable role in arranging a ceasefire between the warring leftist and rightist factions. Although Saudi Arabia and Iraq tried to mediate the dispute, only Syria managed to become the sole Arab nation capable of influencing events in Lebanon. But the Syrians, professing to be a neutral and disinterested party, turned out to be, as expected, the protectors of the 250,000 Lebanese Palestinians. And more, too. The political accord that momentarily stopped the blood flowing, placed Syria in the role of guarantor and enhanced her position in the Arab world.

Syria's pre-eminent position in Lebanon was tacitly recognized by her most implacable enemy, Israel, which quickly rejected charges by the Lebanese Interior Minister, Camille Chamoun, that the Syrians had openly intervened in his country's affairs. Israel thereby conceded that Syria had special interests in Lebanon and could exercise power there without incurring her wrath.

The Palestinians gained because they improved their military position in Lebanon. In the wake of the civil war, they enjoy more power in Lebanon than at any other time in their history. Undoubtedly, the PLO and other Palestinian guerrilla groups will be freer to carry out armed raids against Israeli settlements.

By outflanking and defeating Christian militiamen in practically all parts of Lebanon with the exception of an enclave in and around Beirut, the PLA, the military arm of the PLO, established itself as perhaps the most powerful military unit in the nation. While the Lebanese army is fundamentally a glorified police force, the Syrian-nurtured PLA is a full-fledged army that has the will to fight.

The Moslems (and their leftist Christian allies) derived the most benefit from the civil war. Comprising about two-thirds of the population, the Moslems sought to revise the 1943 National Pact which appar-



Israeli soldier patrolling Lebanese border. As a result of civil war in Lebanon, Moslems and Palestinians have gained the upper hand over the powerful Maronite Christian community, which may not bode well for Israel in the future. (Israel Press & Photo Agency)

tions political posts in Lebanon.

The settlement, which appears to grant several Moslem demands for a greater share of political power, may ultimately change the character of the National Pact. This, of course, would represent a defeat for the Christians, since the prospect is that they would no longer have a guaranteed majority in the 99-member house. Lebanon would thus become far more Islamic in nature and therefore somewhat amenable to the Palestinian cause and Arab nationalism. Israel would somehow have to live with these probable developments.

The current decline of Christian prestige

in Lebanon is most evident in the reaction of the United States to the crisis. Eighteen years ago, the Lebanese president appealed to Washington to intervene to defend the sovereignty and independence of his pro-Western government. Dwight Eisenhower sent in the marines. At the height of this year's conflict, when Interior Minister Chamoun issued a plea for international intervention to safeguard Lebanon's integrity against leftist Moslem and Palestinian military thrusts, the response was in the negative.

Although a measure of tranquility has descended on Lebanon, the political issues which precipitated the civil war are only

now being examined seriously. It is uncertain, however, whether the problems posed by a disparate population mix can be solved satisfactorily.

No one faction or country wants Lebanon to slide into chaos again, yet the bald facts of the matter suggest continued turmoil. The Lebanese Christians are reluctant to give up their predominant position; the Palestinians and Lebanese Moslems want access to the levers of power; and the Syrians wish to deepen their influence in Lebanon.

With the Israelis watching carefully, it all adds up to a potentially explosive situation.

We must stop scandalous practice, says rabbi

'Beware of false mezuzahs'



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat T'zavah

Every Tom, Dick and Yossel has problems — but it takes a real Chaim Yankel to care about the torus of Klal Yisrael...

A hasid cried his heart out to Reb Yehoshua Heschel of Apt — he was overwhelmed with torus. The rebbe gave him advice and blessed him. As the man was about to leave, the rebbe stopped him — "my friend, you forgot to mention one other terrible tzorah. It is already afternoon, and the daily sacrifice was not offered this morning in the Holy Temple because it is still in ruins..." (Ituray Torah)

It pays to keep in touch with the real world and its troubles — sometimes you can get too holy for your own good. Consider... there was no greater honor than being *kohain gadol* — high priest. When the time came to choose someone, the Ribono shel Olam said, "Moshe..."

"Ahem... Yes?"

"Choose Aaron..."

Moses wondered... "What's the matter with me?"

But the Almighty explained, "I need

someone... *mitoch b'nai Yisrael* — from among the children of Israel. The only person who can serve as priest to the people and pray for their forgiveness is someone who is constantly among people and understands their weaknesses. You've spent so much time talking with angels, you're out of touch..." (Mai'otzar Hatorah)

To serve G-d, you have to care about little people and little mitzvahs. Imagine... every garment the high priest wore atoned for a different transgression. The *choshen mishpat* — the breastplate of judgment — atoned for mistakes by judges at Din Torahs. It's strange, though... the *choshen mishpat* was set with 12 stones, some were precious gems from Tiffany's, and others were Woolworth 98-cent specials...

Why the mishmash? But it teaches... whether the *dayonim* — judges — goofed up a million dollar malpractice suit, or a petty 50-cent judgment, in G-d's eyes it's just as serious. You don't mess around with His laws... (Ho'Akaidah)

There's a time to be shy and a time to speak up. Doesn't the Torah teach — "*v'nishma kolo b'vo'o el hakodesh...*" when it comes *el hakodesh* — to matters of kedusha, mitzvahs — *v'nishma kolo*, voices must be heard when there's hanky-panky going on...

And there is... This writer has been advised that there's a major scandal in Toronto and other places concerning mezuzahs. Mezuzahs are not good luck pieces — they are incredibly sacred mitzvahs, that protect the health and safety of a Jew's home. Some people are making money selling — wittingly or unwittingly — fake printed, paper mezuzahs that are worthless imitations. Listen... no one's a tzadik. But... to be *machshil* the public, to tangle with the Almighty in His temple... What an *avalah!* What a *bushah!* What a *din* will have to be paid someday!

Every Jew should check his mezuzahs with a competent authority if he is not 100% certain that they're kosher. Even mezuzahs written on parchment can have serious mistakes... And religious leaders should not rest until this *shandeh* is rooted out...

The *kohain gadol* wore a gold band on his forehead that read — "*Kodesh Le'Hashem* — Holy Unto The L-rd." What heights of kedusha we can reach if we but choose... Once, a grandson of the Baal Shem Tov gave one of his grandfather's sefarim to Reb David Moshe of Tchernikov as a gift. The tzadik opened the book and found a few hairs that had fallen out of the Baal Shem's beard as he studied. The rebbe kissed the hairs lovingly. "They are holy like a sefer Torah," he explained. It's a free world. We can go whichever way we want, *lechayim* or *l'daron olam*, *chas v'shalom*. Let us choose life. Shabbat Shalom.

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Landmark Events In Our History



By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

On Feb. 8, 1909, the hierarchy of the Zionist organization sent a cable to Constantinople, reprimanding the Zionists working there for their increasingly aggressive stance toward Turkish government policy. At the head of the controversy was Vladimir Zeev Jabotinsky. Frustrated over the bickering within the Zionist ranks, as to the best way to deal with the country which then controlled Palestine, Jabotinsky soon resigned from his Zionist job in the Turkish capital.

This episode was symbolic of two themes in Jabotinsky's life — his passionate adherence to Zionism and his difference of opinion as to how Zionism's goals should be achieved. This combination would cause Jabotinsky, and what he stood for, to be the centre of controversies whose repercussions are still felt in Israel today.

Young Vladimir's early life gave little indication of his later devotion to Zionism or the power he would one day wield. Born on Oct. 5, 1880, to Yona and Chava Jabotinsky, in Odessa, he spent his early years in accordance with his middle-class Jewish environment. Not much of a student, he attended several universities in Europe — including Rome, where he absorbed the Italian love of a homeland and adopted the pen-name "Altalessa" — without graduating from any of them. (Later in life, just before leaving for Palestine, he graduated as a lawyer.)

However, at an early age, his talent for writing was discovered and it helped provide an income for his wife, Ania; their only son, Eri, his mother, his widowed sister, Tania, and her son, Johnny.

It was not until Russian pogroms began increasing that Jabotinsky's attention was turned toward organizing Jewish self-defense groups, a move which soon put him in contact with Zionist groups. By 1903, he was sent as a delegate to the Sixth Zionist Congress.

This new direction in his life, brought the bespectacled, serious-faced Jabotinsky monumental problems with which he had to contend until his death in New York in the summer of 1940.

In 1920, Jabotinsky, who was instrumental in creating the Jewish Legion which fought in World War I, was sentenced to 15 years of hard labor, by the British, for helping the Jews of Jerusalem defend themselves against Arab attacks. He gained his freedom in a general amnesty.

He was awarded the Medal of the British Empire for helping the British defeat the Turks in Palestine and, then, about a decade later, the British permanently barred him from re-entering Palestine, because of his Zionist activities.

And, then, there were the disagreements within the Zionist ranks, itself —



Vladimir Zeev Jabotinsky

disagreements which led to severing ties with the existing group and forming the New Zionist Organization (Revisionists or Hazahar), and its offshoots, including the Irgun Z'vai Leumi (the fighting arm) and Jabotinsky's beloved, Brit Trumpeldor or Betar. (the youth movement).

When his turbulent life came to an end, he was doing what he loved best — visiting a Betar camp at Hunter, New York. Felled by a heart attack, he spent his last moments surrounded by youthful, uniformed Betarim, who worshipped their "Rosh Betar."

Small Jewish community lives peacefully amid exuberance of Cuban socialism

By HENRY SREBRNIK
(First of two parts)

HAVANA — A city with streets alight, festooned with posters, slogans, p.a. loudspeakers, exhorting the people to build socialism — this is Havana, January, 1976.

Cuban and red flags fly everywhere, hung as bunting from windows and balconies; so does the occasional hammer-and-sickle banner. Pictures of Fidel, Che, Camillo Cienfuegos and other revolutionary heroes are ubiquitous, and billboards carry snatches of Fidel's speeches instead of Coca-Cola ads: "For a Socialist Country, A Socialist Constitution"; "Political and Ideological Work is Essential and Fundamental to our Daily Actions"; "To Strengthen the Party is to Fortify the Revolution."

Indeed, Cuba is an odd mixture — tropical exuberance and serious socialist revolutionary practice.

In the midst of all this is to be found a Jewish community of about 1,500 (registered) souls — all that remains of the 12,000 or so that lived here until the revolution. (There are also apparently a few hundred others, who don't identify as Jews.)

After the Communists took power in 1959, most Jews — who had been middle-class — left for places like New York and

Miami in the U.S., or even Mexico and Venezuela. The Havana Jewish community is today a dwindling one: the 1,500 Jews are mostly elderly, retired and on pensions; there is a sprinkling of students (about 100), and some professionals, such as doctors and architects. Little wonder that being the community's mohel is a part-time job — there is perhaps one baptism a year! (The old mohel, Berl Srebnik, died a few years back, and a young man about 24 years old currently performs circumcisions.)

Havana still has five Jewish congregations: two Sephardic (Centro Sefaradi, in old Havana, and Shevet Ahim), one Reform (United Jewish Congregation — it is called by the English name), one Orthodox (Adath Israel), and one Conservative-Orthodox (the Great Synagogue). But there are no rabbis or chazans in the community — laymen lead minyan at prayer. The Jews have two shochtim, and two kosher butcher shops.

As for schools, they no longer exist. There were 1,000 Jewish students in the parochial Jewish schools of Havana in 1959; in 1961, all schools were nationalized, but a Jewish school (which taught Hebrew and Yiddish) continued to exist until 1973, when a government decree effectively eliminated and closed it, by stipulating that every child must attend a neighborhood school. (No bussing here!)

I visited the Jewish Community House of Cuba (Casa de la Comunidad Hebrea de Cuba) and the adjoining Great Synagogue on a warm and sunny Friday, in January of this year. Located at the corner of 13 and I streets, in the Vedado area (formerly an upper-middle class neighborhood) not far from the old hotel district near the ocean, it is situated across from a park, and — ironically enough — almost faces the West German embassy.

The community centre, built in 1954, is four stories in height, and has an office, a recreation area, a ballroom, and a library (which contained, I noted, many books in English, Spanish, and of course Yiddish. These latter were all old — titles by Sholem Asch, Peretz, I.J. Singer — and had been brought by immigrants from Poland and Russia). The kosher restaurant was temporarily closed down. Israeli posters were displayed in the lobby, and I also saw a map of Jerusalem on the wall.

I spoke (in English and Yiddish) to Adele Dworin, the librarian and secretary, a pretty, blond woman in her 40s. Her parents came to Cuba from Pinsk, in the USSR, in 1924 and 1930, respectively; like most Ashkenazic Jews in Cuba, they were east Europeans who could not get into Canada or the U.S. after the post-1922 cut-off of immigration to North America. Adele's father's life story — until 1962 — was similar to most of the east European Jews who emigrated to the New World: he opened a men's clothing store in Havana, worked hard, and prospered. But that year his shop was nationalized, and he worked for the government until his death in 1971.

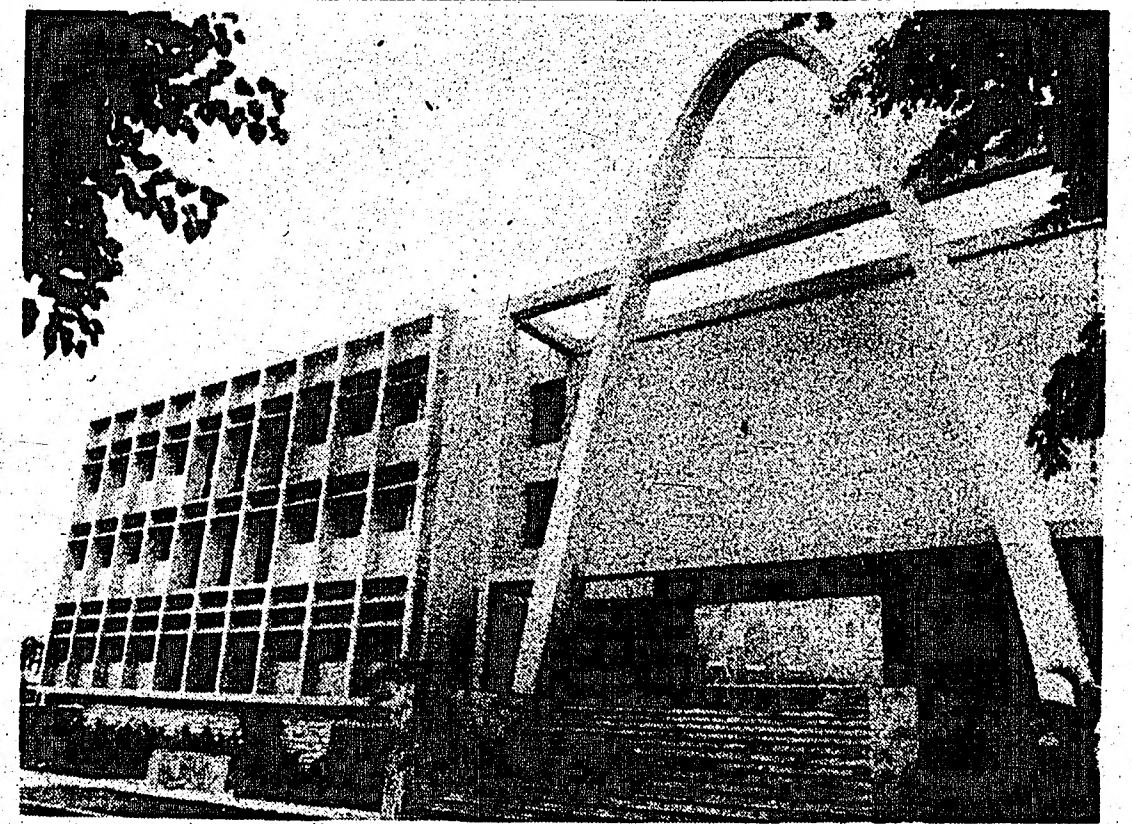
The Sephardim in Cuba — who number about 30% of the Jews — are, on the other hand, descendants of Turkish Jews who came to the country at the turn of the century; some still speak Judesmo (Ladino).

Ms. Dworin emphasized the help the

Canadian Jewish Congress has given Cuban Jewry, and remembered fondly the visit of Lavy Becker, of the Congress, to Cuba in June of 1975 — 200 people turned up at the community centre for a reception in his honor. She told me to send him "greetings and best wishes" and said she hopes to see him again.

Ms. Dworin told me that Cuban Jews "can't get books sent in privately; the government will confiscate them." Last year, she requested of some visiting Jews that they send books from Canada, but they seem not to have gotten through. She asked me whether I had any books for the library, and I gave her the only book I had brought to Cuba — a copy of Elie Wiesel's *The Oath*. (I was later told that Wiesel was, in fact, here in Havana in 1962, as an Israeli journalist and a guest of the Cuban government.)

Regarding the infamous UN resolution



Henry Srebnik, Montreal academic and writer, visited Jewish Community Centre in Havana, Cuba, recently. Only some 1,500 Jews remain in Cuba. Most Cuban Jews live in U.S.

equating Zionism with racism, I noticed an ominous sign in the main reading room of the library of the University of Havana: a poster against racism, which used as illustrative symbols an American eagle, a Ku

Klux Klan robe, the Nazi swastika — and the Mogen David.

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Letter to the Editor

'Centre Shelanu article could be misconstrued'

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you for your interest and recent article on our Centre. At the same time, however, I wish to express my concern about some possible misconceptions regarding our centre and clients. Your article highlighted our school, yet this is just one aspect of our diversified program. Equally as important are our home care program, our out-patient clinic, our art and dance therapy, our psychological and psychiatric services, and our after-care program.

We were particularly distressed by your comment, "According to the staffers, one

of Centre Shelanu's problems has been that some parents cannot bring themselves to refer their Jewish princes or princesses to a treatment centre." We accept our clients as they are and do not prejudge them as your use of words prince and princesses in the article implies. We were concerned, as well, with your word "scarred" in your opening statement. "They come to Centre Shelanu because they are scarred by emotional and learning disabilities."

Many of our youngsters and families are experiencing transient difficulties which many so called "normal" families experience as their children become adolescents.

What makes our clients so unique is that they have the strength to seek out help during a difficult period of their lives. Many of our adolescents are very bright and certainly capable of continuing their education.

Your article implied that referrals for our centre must be made through a psychiatrist or social service agency. I think it is important for families to know that they may seek our services on their own.

Stanley D. Lerner,
director,
Centre Shelanu,
Toronto.

Economic woes force industry to realistically face development

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOTH —

"Plans for increasing the scientific potential of Israeli industry were ready four or five years ago, but no one seemed to be in a hurry to implement them. Now, under the pressure of our worsening economic situation, people in science, government and industry are beginning to think and act much more realistically," I was told by Dr. Eliezer Tal director of Israel's National Council for Research and Development.

This new realism comes none too soon, for it will be required if solutions are to be found to the problems now facing Israel. First of all, Israeli industry must turn out more goods that can compete on the world market and these will not come, as Dr. Tal points out, from the enterprises based on large work forces that were opened with such fanfare in the '50s and '60s. "In view of Israel's European-level wage structure," Tal argues, "she must concentrate on the development of sophisticated products equivalent in price and — more important — in quality with those coming from the U.S., Western Europe and Japan."



Nechemia Meyers

Another problem intimately linked with the first is that of finding jobs for science graduates. The country's seven institutions of higher learning are fully staffed, and with budgets for higher education on the decline — they went down 30% in real value during the past two years and will drop still further this year — some lecturers may even be dismissed. Only a more scientifically-oriented industrial sector could, at least theoretically, absorb thousands of "surplus" science graduates, products of local universities and immigrants alike.

A controversial approach to achieving both these goals was recently offered by Prof. Richard S. Rosenbloom, David Sarnoff professor of business administration at Harvard and, of late, visiting professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The primary problem, as Rosenbloom sees it, is not that Israel spends too little on research and development. On the contrary, the country devotes a larger share of its economic resources to R&D, about 2.4% of its gross national product, than any Western nation except the U.S. Even when military R&D is discounted, Israel's expenditure, 1.8% of its GNP, remains greater than the total effort of Belgium and Denmark, and about the same as per capita spending on civilian research in Sweden and France, although less than in the U.S., the U.K. and the Netherlands.

What disturbs Rosenbloom is that only 14.6% of Israel's civilian R&D is carried out in the business sector, as compared to 50% in Denmark and 80% in Switzerland. And the universities, where most of the other R&D is carried out, are not geared to developing saleable goods.

What then? Prof. Rosenbloom has a truly revolutionary suggestion, the creation of an entity he calls "Israel Inc.," which would provide a countrywide framework for exploiting advanced technology. Israel Inc., while prepared to consider any area of R&D, would probably concentrate its attention on those where existing achievements of Israeli industry indicate that meaningful results are most likely to be achieved, including chemicals, drugs, aircraft, industrial machinery, electronics and instrumentation.

The first step towards "Israel Inc." would be the creation, under government auspices, of a National Council for Industrial Technology, which would include the heads of all large science-oriented firms, representatives of some of the smaller companies, academics from pertinent university branches and senior government officials. Sub-groups of the Council would deal with such topics as market projections, technological evaluations, manpower, funding, etc.

Next on the Rosenbloom agenda would be the establishment of an Authority for Industrial Technology, managed by the Council and owned jointly by industry and government. The Authority would operate its own national R&D laboratory and, at the same time, stimulate contact between R&D establishments in various sectors of the economy. Engineers and scientists employed by the Authority would not only work in its laboratory, but also be sent out to other R&D centres and to universities. This system of rotation, Prof. Rosenbloom believes, would serve to break down existing barriers between researchers and the markets in which their knowledge could be exploited.

Dr. Tal agrees with Prof. Rosenbloom on many points, including the advisability of merging the welter of small companies which now exist into large industrial units where serious R&D becomes possible and the need to link industrial R&D with industrial policy. The Israeli government, Dr. Tal declares, must decide on specific industries to promote rather than encouraging investment in a wide range of enterprises. However, he would shy away from the establishment of something like "Israel Inc.," "which might turn into a monster that stifled initiative rather than promoting it."

Lincoln consistently lent sympathetic ear to Judaism

By BERNARD BASKIN

Five days after Lincoln's assassination, Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise of Cincinnati, perhaps the best known Jewish figure of his time, said in his eulogy: Brethren, the lamented Abraham Lincoln believed himself to be bone from our bone, flesh from our flesh. He supposed himself to be a descendant of Hebrew parentage. He said so in my presence."

Either the rabbi was a victim of understandable grief, or had grossly misinterpreted what the president may have said in a jocular vein. In any case, there is no shred of evidence to substantiate Wise's assertion. However, throughout his career, Lincoln could not have been friendlier to individual Jews, or more sympathetic to Jewish causes.

Before the Civil War, the legal status of Jewish chaplains had never been considered. However, once the conflict began, enlisted Jews began to press for their right to be served by their own chaplains in the army and in military hospitals. Unhappily, the law required that chaplains be regularly ordained ministers of some Christian denomination.

On Dec. 11th, 1861, Rabbi Arnold Fischel of New York, a well-known scholar and American historian, appeared at the White House to petition the president for a change in the law. The president fully admitted the justice of Fischel's case. He believed the exclusion of Jewish chaplains had been altogether unintentional on the part of Congress.

December 1861 was a difficult time for the Northern cause. Yet, in the midst of overwhelming problems, Lincoln found time to remedy an injustice. By the summer of 1862 a new law made it possible for rabbis to serve as chaplains.

A church paper in Cincinnati spoke for a bitter minority: "Imagine the effects of granting the privilege of chaplaincy service to Jewish rabbis, Mormon bigamists, Chinese priests, and Indian conjurers. Democracy has its limits and to permit non-Christian clergymen to serve the military oversteps those limits."

All during the war there was an invisible second front. This was the economic war of greed and exploitation waged by unprincipled men who took advantage of the needs of both sides. The administration was reluctant to ban trading across the lines. The White House, the War Department, the Treasury, the various commands on the scene, all issued permits for commercial activities in and close to battle areas. It was in the midst of this chaos of profiteering, red tape and indecision that the most sweeping anti-Jewish regulation in all American history was issued. It was wired from General Grant's headquarters on Dec. 17, 1862, and provided for the expulsion within 24 hours of all Jews, without trial or hearing, from the general area known as the "Department of Tennessee." Although relatively few people were involved, this order became one of the minor sensations of the entire war.

Jewish reaction was one of shock, pain and anger. They alone were to be punished without a trial for all the crimes that had been committed in a crime-infested area. Cesar Kaske, a prominent Jewish Republican and vice-president of the Paducah Union League Club, laden with petitions and letters from influential politicians and merchants, went to see the president. According to all reports, Lincoln introduced a semi-humorous biblical flavor to the discussion. Lincoln ("And so the children of Israel were driven from the land of Canaan." Kaske: "Yes, and that is why

we have come unto father Abraham's bosom asking protections." Lincoln: "And this protection they shall have at once." Lincoln telegraphed for the immediate cancellation of the order. Later Lincoln said: "To condemn a class is, to say the least, to wrong the good with the bad. I do not like to hear a class or nationality condemned on account of a few sinners."

The mystery of Grant's notorious order was never fully cleared up. Responsible may have been a stupid or anti-Semitic subordinate. But whether viewed as a grave mistake or a bad joke, Lincoln did not hesitate to quickly rectify a grievous wrong.

In March 1863, Lincoln conferred with the Canadian mystic, Henry Wentworth Monk, who urged the restoration of Euro-

pean Jewry to Palestine. Lincoln said: "I myself have a regard for the Jews. My chirologist is a Jew, and he has so many times 'put me upon my feet' that I would have no objection to giving his countrymen 'a leg up'."

Finally, Lincoln's attitude toward Jews must be measured, in part at least, by his opinion of the bigoted, anti-immigration, Know-Nothing movement. The overwhelming majority of Jews were included in the general Know-Nothing hostility to aliens. Lincoln wrote, "I am not a Know-Nothing. That is certain. How could I be? Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation we began by declaring that 'all men are created equal.' We now practically read it 'all men are created equal, except Negroes.' When

Know-Nothings get control it will read, 'all men are created equal except Negroes, and foreigners and Catholics.' When it comes to this I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty."

H.G. Wells considered Lincoln one of the six greatest figures in modern history. The poet Mark Van Doren wrote: "To me Lincoln seems, in some ways the most interesting man who ever lived. He was gentle, but this gentleness was combined with terrific toughness and iron strength."

His dealings with Jews is one more striking example of his truly democratic spirit.

Rabbi Baskin is spiritual leader of Temple Anshe Shalom, Hamilton.

ask the rabbi

Physical contact ban is extended to shaking hands

1. Why do certain Orthodox Jews refuse to shake hands with women?

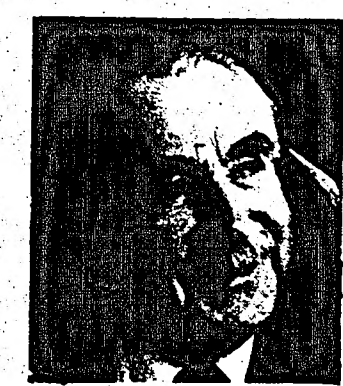
With regard to the forbidden sexual unions in Leviticus, chapter 18 it is said: "None of you shall approach," on the basis of which the rabbis say that it is forbidden for a man even to "approach" a woman not his wife — "to approach" meaning kissing or embracing. The Orthodox Jews to whom you refer extend this to any physical contact, even to the shaking of hands.

2. What is the origin of the name "God"? What is the meaning of the Hebrew, "Jehovah" and what is the significance to the common transliteration — also used in the prayer book — of a double yod?

The English "God" is from the Teutonic, supposedly derived from the Aryan gheu to invoke or to sacrifice, i.e. a being to whom sacrifices are offered. The Tetragrammaton must not be pronounced as it is spelled. Consequently, from an early period, it was pronounced Adonay (Lord) and the vowels of this word are placed under it. If these vowels are read together with the consonants of the Tetragrammaton it produces the quite impossible "Jehovah". Now the rule is that the names of God must not be erased. Since it may happen that the prayer books will one day be destroyed, the pious printers avoided the printing of this word in full, using, instead, the double yod (there are two has in the Tetragrammaton and these each have the numerical value of five, totalling ten = yod).

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Of all troubles, alienated youth is the problem with capital 'P'



By J.B. SALSBERG

Whether we are a "chosen people" or not I shall not attempt to answer at this time, nor in this place. Besides, there are others who specialize in questions of this kind and I'm perfectly willing to let them have this field entirely to themselves.

But, whether chosen or not, I am convinced that we surpass all others in the number and magnitude of problems that plague us at any given time. In fact, we are so besieged by problems and challenges that we are obliged to catalogue and fix priorities for them. Otherwise we would flounder in the sea of problems and get nowhere.

I know people who have so systematized their Jewish worrying responsibilities that when they wake in the morning they first check what day in the week it is. If they find that it is Monday they know that it is Israel day and they promptly begin to worry about the problems that face Israel. On Tuesday they worry about Soviet Jews. On Wednesday they restrict themselves to Jews in Arab lands. On Thursday they concentrate on anti-Semitism, anti-Jewish manifestations and, therefore, on "public relations." On Friday, Saturday and parts of Sunday they worry about domestic, Canadian problems that

concern the individual and communal areas of life.

This being Friday (and it is actually written on a Friday, only one week ahead of the paper's deadline) I want to do some worrying about the greatest of all our problems on the home front — our children of all ages. I have in mind the very young, the teenagers, and the older ones that splash about (often without a compass) in the colleges and universities. Yes, my friends, this, in my opinion, is our supreme problem. It is the problem with a capital "P". So join me in a bit of worrying.

Now, among the worriers there are those whose worries are still within bounds and there are others whose worries are boundless and are bordering on hopelessness.

While some laud their local Jewish educational system as the "finest" in the country (each community thinks that theirs is the very finest) most people worry about the inadequacy of Jewish education. Some argue that education is not enough, but that the home is the major factor in the raising of the young generation. Others lay stress on the religious aspect of Jewish education, while still others question the absolute reliability on religion as the miracle adhesive for continued attachment to Jewish life and values.

So, while some whistle in the dark and others slump into pessimism there is no question that the percentage of our young who escape, cop-out or who just loosen the ties that bound them to a viable Jewish civilization grows higher and higher, year after year.

That this is the most baffling and most difficult of all problems goes without saying. The full answer has not been found, nor does it hover on the horizon. I am obliged, in all honesty and humility, to admit that even I (who used to think that I knew it all), even I find no sure-fire solution to this towering challenge that faces us in all countries — except in Israel. But it does seem to me that the home is the most important

level for the development of Jewish awareness, Jewish appreciation and Jewish adherence and, later Jewish involvement in the entire structure of Jewish education.

Now, let's be frank: How many times did you take your children by the hand and walk with them to where you wanted them to go? Not often, I suspect. Only the genuine Orthodox still do that. Did you ever watch Orthodox parents lead their children, yes, hand in hand, to the synagogue? Do watch, next time you have a chance... Most others usually "send" their children. Sometimes the young ones are "ordered" to go, while the parents are busy elsewhere. Isn't it true? Oh, I know that some parents do not follow that self-defeating pattern. But the overwhelming majority do practice that routine.

Let's face it: How many parents take their children by the hand and walk — yes walk with them, to the lamentations that are prepared annually to commemorate the six million Jews whom Hitler massacred? Ask yourself, were you, yourself there? If you were where were your children?

How many walk with their children — of all ages — in the Simchat Torah marches and rallies for the three million Jews in Russia?

How many take their children — hand in hand — to the Yom H'atzmaut celebrations (Independence of Israel) in their community or region? Some do, but only some. The majority fail to establish and to strengthen the collective national memory of the young generation.

Without a collective memory a people withers and dies. I think that Martin Buber said this, but in a positive context. I agree with Buber.

Now, enough worrying for erev Shabbat, no? But there is no prohibition against thinking about this and about similar Jewish problems affecting our youth. So think about them all through the Sabbath. It won't hurt, and it might help.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN



JEWISH MUSIC MONTH

Two Jewish Music Month events have been scheduled for this Sunday, Feb. 15. In Toronto, the annual Festival of Jewish School Choirs, co-sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education and Canadian Jewish Congress, takes place at 2 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

In London, the Jewish Community Council is presenting *In Concert* with violinists Yuri and Dona Mazurkevich and pianist Edith Krus. The time is 8:30 p.m. at Or Shalom Synagogue.

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Ontario's smaller communities, with similar problems of diminishing numbers and financial pressures, find it helpful to meet together to evaluate and develop programs they can share. On Sunday, the 15th, a second Sense of Community evening will take place at B'nai Israel Congregation in Galt, co-hosted with the Canadian Jewish Congress, for Congregations Beth Isaiah of Guelph and Beth David of Brantford. The program, chaired by Lou Kirshenbaum, chairman of community services of Congress Central Region, will include a showing of the National Film Board's *The People of the Book*.

ON STAGE

Saturday, the 14th, is opening night for the Temple Sinai Stage 210 production of *The Fifth Season*, directed by Marc Stone and produced by Benna Kisin. Other showtimes are Feb. 15, 18, 21 and 22. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. For tickets, call 487-4161.

NCJW EDUCATION SERIES

The National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, has set up a four-lecture series entitled *Experiencing Jewish Education*. It begins Tuesday, the 17th, with *Exploring Your Jewish Response* by Phyllis Mayer. On Tuesday, the 24th, McGill University Professor Seymour Epstein discusses *Textual Study — The Jewish View of the Nature of Man*. On Monday, March 1, University of Toronto Professor Sol Tanenzapf will talk about *Jewish Values*, and on Tuesday, March 9, Board of Jewish Education director Rabbi Irwin Witt concludes with a lecture on *Our Unique Otherness*. All sessions take place at Council House from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

ORTHODOX JEWISH SCIENTISTS

Toronto physician Dr. Yehudi Shields will present a paper on *Comparing Rabbis' Practice of Medicine with the Practice of Medicine Today*, on Sunday, the 15th, at 8:30 p.m. at Clanton Park Synagogue. The meeting is sponsored by the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists.

MEMORIAL PARK

Any organization interested in securing a section of Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park, the new community cemetery, should contact Benjamin Schneider at 869-3811, as soon as possible.

LECTURE ON ALIYAH

A lecture in Hebrew on the topic *Aliyah — Expectations and Reality* has been scheduled by the Keren Hatarbut Institute for Tuesday, the 17th, at 8 p.m. at the Zionist Centre. Lecturer will be Yitzhak Sagee, head of the Israel Aliyah Centre in Toronto.

BETH TZEDEC SISTERHOOD

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood has two ongoing programs planned for February and March. On Mondays at 10 a.m., Allan Gould will lecture on the significance and impact of Jewish poetry. This series runs to March 8. Then on Wednesdays, also at 10 a.m., beginning Feb. 18, Dr. Igor Kuchinsky, art historian and director of Heritage Galerie, will be giving a five-part series through to March 17.

CASINO ROYAL

Fun and games at Adath Israel Brotherhood's annual Carnival and Casino Royal Saturday, the 14th, starts off at 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue.

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

New Young Adults group at the "Y" have planned a coffee night and membership drive dance for this Sunday, the 15th, at 8:30 p.m. at the northern building.

FILM NIGHT

The New Fraternal Jewish Association's regular meeting on Tuesday, the 17th, will take the form of a film night showing UJA's latest film *The Longest Wave* plus I.L. Peretz' *If Not Higher*. It takes place at 8:30 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Pl.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

Sunday, the 15th, is also the date of the Eitz Chaim Schools mother and daughter luncheon. The "do" begins at 11:30 a.m. with a play and ballet demonstration put on by the students, then luncheon follows. It all takes place at the school, 1 Viewmount Ave.

FOR A KOSHER KITCHEN

If changing from a non-kosher home to a kosher one presents a financial problem, the Kashruth Committee of the Agudas N'Shei U'Bnos Chabad in Brooklyn, N.Y., has established a fund which will contribute up to 50% of the money required to make the switch. Contact the Lubavitch Youth Organization in Toronto for information.

Biblical Manna may have been variety of mushroom



By MARCIA KRETZMER

Mushrooms are in the shops here in plentiful supply at this time of the year. While not exactly cheap — they cost IL 2.40 for 100 grams — somewhere around \$1.40 per pound, they are really excellent and worth splurging on occasionally.

Most of the mushrooms on sale are the small, cultivated button variety. But occasionally, in the open-air markets, one sees large, irregularly-shaped field mushrooms, of a peculiar greenish-yellow tinge. While those who use them swear by their superior flavor and texture, I am too wary of dire warnings about fatal cases of mushroom poisoning, to hazard buying them.

Modern Israelis may not have been the first inhabitants of this region to have developed a passion for mushrooms. Some authorities believe the original Manna eaten by the Children of Israel in the desert, to have been a variety of mushroom.

According to Prof. John Allegro of Dead Sea scrolls fame, the original Israelite religion was in fact an estatic cult which arose around the sacramental eating of a type of hallucinogenic mushroom. His theory has been regarded at best with a good deal of scepticism, but it is true that at least some of the descriptions of Manna coincide with the characteristics of mushrooms: Both appearing on the ground during

the night and had to be gathered daily, or they would spoil.

A whole folklore grew up around the account of the Manna, whose taste was originally described (Exodus 16:31) as "like wafers made with honey." Curiously, to the virtuous, its taste was supposed to have resembled anything they desired, while to the

heavenly it tasted obnoxious. Today mushrooms are eaten strictly for deluxe enjoyment and celebrations. Although they are often included in vegetarian dishes, they can scarcely be taken seriously as a food, as they are very low in nutrients.

Here is a good way of eating mushrooms. It is as a filling for vol-au-vents, those exquisite little puff-pastry cases, which are heated in the oven, then filled with a succulent, creamy mixture of sautéed mushrooms, and served as hors d'oeuvres.

Mushrooms Vol-au-vents
1/2 lb. button mushrooms
2 tbsps. butter or margarine
1 small onion, very finely chopped
1 heaped tbsps. flour
3 tps. lemon juice
1 1/2 tbsps. dry red wine
up to 1/2 cup water
freshly-ground black pepper, salt

1. slice the mushrooms lengthwise. Heat butter or margarine in a frying pan and add mushrooms and onions. Sauté rapidly, turning constantly with a wooden spatula till browned. Add salt and pepper and allow to simmer 3 minutes, uncovered
2. in a small bowl, mix flour with 3 tbsps. water, the wine and lemon juice, until smooth. Pour into mushroom mixture and stir well. Allow to simmer a further 3-5 minutes, adding the rest of the water if the mixture becomes too thick
3. serve over vol-au-vent cases which have been heated in the oven. Fill the cases only prior to bringing them to table or they will become soggy. Serves 4-6

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University expands overseas program

TORONTO

Although the Hebrew University has the biggest share of overseas students, Tel Aviv University is quickly catching up in its bid to attract more non-Israelis to its classrooms.

Yerach Aharon, head of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, reports that the overseas programs are open to English-speaking academically qualified students. Candidates for admission, he explains, will be judged on the basis of scholastic record, character and seriousness of purpose.

TAU, the biggest Israeli university in terms of enrolment of Israeli students, offers the overseas student a variety of programs ranging from the one-year option to regular studies. Intensive and summer uplan are also available for students without any or some knowledge of Hebrew.

In the last seven years, more than 3,300 students from over 400 colleges

and universities, as well as several hundred high school graduates, have participated in the programs. According to Aharon, 75% of the students come from the United States, 10% from Canada and 15% from Europe. Approximately 800 to 1,000 students are expected for the 1976 academic semester.

The one-year program, which gets underway in October every year, and the spring semester, are geared to the North American undergraduate study scheme, and courses may be applied to the regular TAU BA program as well. The language of instruction is English. During the summer, participants will be required to attend an ulpan.

Students must register for a minimum of 14 and a maximum of 20 credits per semester. Emphasis will be on Jewish studies, Middle East history and Israel, though courses in other fields will be available.

Canadians active at Brussels II

MONTREAL

Canada will be well represented and delegates will play major roles during the forthcoming Second World Conference of Jewish Communities on Soviet Jewry (Brussels II) to be held in Brussels, Feb. 17-19.

More than 1,000 Jewish leaders will meet five years after the first conference which triggered a world-wide response and action on behalf of Soviet Jews.

Alan Rose executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress and member of the conference secretariat, recently returned from Brussels where he participated in a steering committee meeting to finalize plans for the forthcoming conference.

"The purpose of the conference this year," he said, "is to draw attention to the plight of Soviet Jews, particularly in the light of the Helsinki agreement. It is our feeling that the position of Soviet Jewry has deteriorated, notwithstanding U.S.S.R.'s adherence to the humanitarian provisions of the agreement."

Rose emphasized that the conference will attempt to remobilize and rededicate Jews and non-Jews in the struggle for the rights of Jews in the Soviet Union.

Former prime minister of Israel, Golda Meir, will serve as honorary chairman of the conference and will deliver the closing address.

Members of parliament who are part of the Canadian delegation are: Serge Royal, Maison-neuve-Rosemont, Quebec; Robert Kaplan, York Centre, Ontario; John Roberts, St. Paul's, Ontario, and Stuart Leggett, New Westminster, B.C.

David Satok, Toronto, chairman of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, will be chairman of a workshop during the conference dealing with "Fostering Contacts with Soviet Jewry."

Elaine Dubow, Montreal, Group of 35, will make a presentation at a workshop on "Public Action and Public Relations" and will also serve as vice-chairman of this workshop in a later session.

William I. Miller, of the Montreal Committee for Soviet Jewry, will be vice-chairman of a workshop

...about people

Along with the myriad details involved in getting the Montreal Olympics off the ground, is the appointment of four chaplains of various faiths. Rabbi Howard Hoffman of Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Chomey was one of the four named by the Organizing Committee of the 1976 Olympic Games (COJO). He will act as liaison with COJO for the National Religious Department of Canadian Jewish Congress, and will assist in arrangements for home hospitality and in the distribution of information about Jewish community facilities. Apparently COJO plans call for each religious group to have one night set aside for a religious and folk art presentation.

The Shechter family obviously believes in togetherness! When Max and Florence Shechter left, with the other 750 Canadians, for the Canadian Zionist Federation convention in Israel, they were accompanied by their children Barry and Trudy. Following the conference there, the entire family moves on to Brussels for the Soviet Jewry convocation, where father Max will represent B'nai B'rith and Congress, and daughter Trudy, the Soviet Committee from Boston, where she is now residing.

More news from the Montreal area — accountant Jack Zittler is heading up the 1976 Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund, succeeding Norman Spector... Mrs. Herb Paperman is chairman of the Women's Division, succeeding 1975 chairman Mrs. Theodore Pollak.

In Toronto this week is Israel's former ambassador to the UN, Yosef Tekoa, the newly-appointed president of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. While in town, he will meet with members of the university's board of trustees at a private cocktail reception. His visit is prior to the arrival in Toronto of Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Simcha Diniz, who will be addressing the BG University dinner scheduled for April 8 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Now going into its second season, Camp Reena (for children with special needs) has appointed Randi Duke as director. The 31-year-old mother of two should fit the bill very well. She's a psychology major with years of camping experience, particularly working with mentally and physically handicapped children.

Rabbi and Mrs. Michael Stroh (he's spiritual leader of Temple Har Zion)

have named their brand new baby Jonah Jeremy. Young Jonah is their number one son, but number two child, as daughter Samantha is now 2 1/2 years old.

With the artists — Dabi Arie, the noted Israeli artist and sculptor now living in Toronto, is having an exhibition of his oils, acrylics, wall reliefs, murals and sculptures at St. Lawrence Centre. The opening is set for Saturday, Feb. 14, from 3-6 p.m. The exhibit runs to Feb. 28... There's still time to catch Jerry Ginsberg's one-man show (his sixth) at the Evans Gallery until Feb. 19. The Toronto artist, who doubles as an advertising agency art director, has about 20 of his watercolors and temperas on display... For the fifth year in a row, Mary Hecht was chosen to be one of the artists to show her work in the Art of the Dance exhibition set up at O'Keefe Centre during the National Ballet appearance in Toronto. This year she has two pieces on exhibit — *Petrushka* and *Dancer at Rest*.



Reg Adelman

Phyllis Sugar, chairman of Women for Soviet Jewry, reports that, with the restructuring of her committee (which actually ceases to exist), it will now be known as Toronto Action Committee for Soviet Jewry. Toronto accountant Reg Adelman is to be co-chairman and will be rallying men's groups, brotherhoods and social action committees to the cause of Russian Jews. The new committee will operate under the direction of the Congress Steering Committee for Soviet Jewry headed by Sam Filer.

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Cookbook authoress is undisputed expert in resurgent creative art of home baking

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

When Lillian Kaplun, best-selling cookbook authoress, teacher and undisputed expert in torte-topping wizardry, first began experimentation in the art of baking at age nine, the results were a dismal failure.

"Throwing the cake out was simply unheard of in those days of frugality," she writes in the foreword of *For the Love of Baking*. So she served up the desert to a neighborhood boy, Barney, and the remains to a pet collie. Barney's iron-cast stomach suffered no ill effects, but the dog lay sick for three days.

Undaunted by her first experience, she continued her research — ultimately producing two books (*For the Love of Cooking*, the second) which have sold over 20,000 copies, a best-seller by Canadian standards; conducting one of Toronto's first classes to instruct three generations of local women in the culinary arts; creating thousands of famous Kaplun tortes of her own devising — mouthwatering mocha, mandarin, apricot and chocolate velvet.

The casual visitor to Lillian Kaplun's small apartment is likely to find more than a half dozen chiffon cakes cooling on the dining room table and

on a specially constructed rack.

Mrs. Kaplun works in a compact, efficiently organized kitchen with appliances that have served her well over the past decades. In a methodical manner, she blends a torte topping, a spatula in hand, she dresses in a sprightly red gingham dressing gown she seems the embodiment of Molly Goldberg — a short fashionable haircut, effervescent natural smile, bright brown eyes and cherubic cheeks — the mom in 'mom and apple pie'.

But baking is more than 'woman's work' to her, she explains. "The situation is sad for a lot of my peers," she says. "I am happy that I have work to do. I came from a generation when only the man worked. While I first worked out of necessity, I am now learning as I look back on my experience that it is good women can do things on their own. I really think everyone should be responsible for themselves."

Her first professional entry into the field was somewhat of a fiasco, she admits. Spurred by the increasing demand for her home-baked yeast buns, while a young housewife in Vancouver, she decided to distribute them to coffee shops.

Her small apartment was filled with yeast buns, she describes, covering every available space — on tables, under beds, in cupboards. Almost in self-defence, her husband bought her an old bakery complete with large black gas oven. "I was a great dreamer," she smiles. "I saw bun factories coast to coast. I'm not so much a dreamer now. I thought I would never bake another yeast bun in my life."

After two years and a mushrooming operation with six employees, she closed shop. Back in Toronto she began her private baking and, shortly after, teaching. Her tortes sold for \$4.50 some 20 years ago when sugar was under 10 cents a pound. During peak years she could whip up 75 tortes a week, never soliciting customers yet finding a steady stream. Now she limits herself to around 10 and sells them

at \$14 each. Such tortes would claim \$25 in New York, she insists.

She looks on baking as an art. While the constant repetition of churning out tortes can make her work dull at times, she still considers it creative. All of her famous tortes are the result of experimentation; she never follows a recipe exactly. "I take an idea," she explains, "look at the recipe and start working, twisting it around to my liking."

Like any art, she encourages her students to start right from scratch, familiarizing themselves with the equipment, with technique, with the ingredients materials — the success to any creative process is the practice. Baking, Mrs. Kaplun maintains, is good therapy and an ideal communal link between generations. Many of her students include husband-wife and mother-daughter teams. She herself has instructed both her son and daughter and they are carrying on the family tradition with her grandchildren who show a keen desire.

Over the years she has been a resurgent interest in baking — especially teenagers and men. To what does she attribute this phenomenon? People are shying away from prepared mixes and bland, mass-produced goods, she explains.

Surprisingly, she has no library of cookbooks, rarely bakes for herself and her husband and insists others should bake in moderation. "I have a sweet tooth myself," she confides. "I just have to keep away from it."



Lillian Kaplun, top one of her famous tortes. Author of the best-selling "For the Love of Baking," she has been experimenting with baking since the age of nine. She claims baking is ideal communal link between generations. (Groskind)

Sally Priesand to speak here

TORONTO — Three top personalities will participate in the Federation of Jewish Women's Organization's annual conference of women, which will be held on Monday, March 1st at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. The topic for this year's conference is "The Jewish Connection...Part II." The all-day session, which begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m., was organized under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ruth Bass.

The three featured speakers are Rabbi Sally Priesand and the husband and wife team of Dr. Samuel D. Stellman and Mandy Stellman, soci-

ologist and attorney respectively.

Prof. Stellman is director of the Extension Centre for Social Services at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Mrs. Stellman is a practicing attorney and a widely-respected marriage and divorce counselor. They will participate in the morning portion of the conference and deal with the role of the "new woman" in Jewish society in a dialogue between husband and wife. The Stellmans are former Toronto residents and University of Toronto graduates. As acknowledged authorities on the American family, Dr. and Mrs.

Stellman are in great demand on the U.S. lecture circuit.

Highlighting the afternoon program will be Rabbi Sally Priesand of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue of New York. Rabbi Priesand garnered a great deal of publicity, both pro and con, when she was ordained. She is young, bright and will speak of her own experiences, which she discusses in her recently published book, *Judaism and the New Woman*.

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Card to be sold by NCJW to raise funds for Israel Family Counselling Association

By LEAH FEINMAN

To encourage support of the Israel Family Counselling Association in Tel Aviv, National Council of Jewish Women recently appointed Gloria Cantor, Winnipeg, national chairman of the committee and announced the sale, across Canada, of a new fund-raising card designed by Canadian artist, Eva Prager.

The card depicts a family, a symbol of National Council of Jewish Women's concern. In Toronto, to support this National project, Sarah Schneider, chairman of the Israel Committee, announced the second annual "Festival of Jewish Song" will take place at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. on Sunday, March 14, at 8:30 p.m.

The Israeli Family Counselling Association in Tel Aviv counsels people with family problems arising from divorce or economic or cultural conflicts. It counsels

parents and children, does pre-marital counselling, provides public education on family problems, and acts as a training centre for social work students from the Tel Aviv School of Social Work.

The association was started in 1954 by a group of volunteer social workers and physicians. The number of clients treated has increased from 129 to 802 families. Thirty five per cent of these are self-referred, the balance coming from kibbutzim, or referred by physicians, social workers, rabbinical and district courts, lawyers, and public health nurses.

According to Carol Slater, formerly of Winnipeg but now residing in Israel, a great need exists for the counselling service. Ms. Slater, who recently visited Canada, is on the board of the Israel Family Counselling Association. She told members of National Council of Jewish Women

that although there are other government programs available, where the Israeli citizen can go for help, most of these are impersonal administrative bodies and cannot offer the concerned and highly professional aid given by the I.F.C.A. She added, "The warm and understanding help given by our dedicated staff stands out as a unique beacon in Israel."

Family and marital counselling services for families in crises are not yet developed in Israel as an integral part of comprehensive community health and welfare programs as they are in

Canada and the United States. She stressed the urgent need for expansion of the I.F.C.A.

She said the pressures on the people have increased due to economic instability. People work at more than one job to make ends meet, parents worry about the danger in the streets and their youth in the army, and there is horrendous stress on the family unit and marriage because of long separations. Additional burdens are caused by the variety of cultures and the daily flow of new immigrants.

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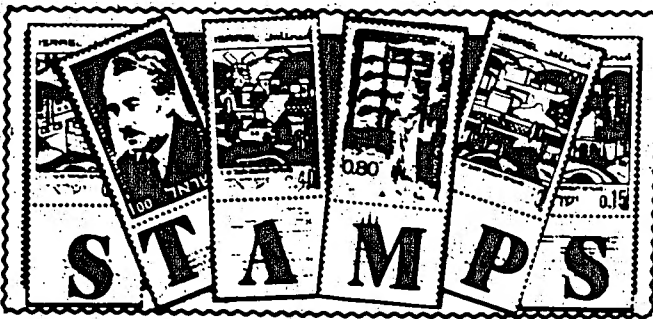
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By CHAIM YEHUDA

This is the time of the year when the Israeli Philatelic Services publishes its annual list of stamps to be issued in the ensuing year, which as usual will be from April to March, in this case 1976-77. Although this schedule may be subject to modification, it is a reliable reference for future plans.

However, changes may be necessary as a result of such unforeseen circumstances as, for example, higher stamp denominations due to increased postal rates, possibly an additional event that will have to be commemorated, or even postponement or cancellation of an issue.

Likely, additional denominations of the "stand-by" stamps will also be released this year as they are required. The Philatelic Services will probably put out a list of

revisions during the course of the year.

In order to complete last year's program, the following commemoratives will be issued in mid-February: A single stamp for the "Bezalel" Academy, 70th anniversary, denomination IL 1.85; another for the Olympics in Montreal, IL 1.60, 2.00, 3.50.

The new stamp year

features a total of 14 individual issues and a souvenir sheet:

April, 1976: Three singles, Memorial Day IL 1.85; "Lag Ba'omer" IL 1.30; American Revolution Bicentennial IL 4.00; and a souvenir sheet for the National Stamp Exhibition - "Netanya 1976" IL 10.00.

June, 1976: A single for camping IL 1.50 and a definitive, Israel landscapes - part IX, IL 10.00.

August, 1976: Two sets of three stamps, one for the High Holidays 5737, denominations IL 0.35, 1.20, 1.60 and the other for the Olympics in Montreal, IL 1.60, 2.00, 3.50.

October, 1976: A set of three stamps, archaeology, part I, IL 1.30, 2.00, 2.30. Another of two stamps for the chess olympics, IL 1.20, 1.30.

and a single for volunteering, IL 1.85.

December, 1976: Archaeology, part II, two stamps, IL 0.60, 4.00 and a set of five stamps in honor of pioneers, IL 0.05, 0.10, 0.40, 0.90, and 1.85.

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Bubbly and unpretentious Hana Gartner rises rapidly in career as TV journalist

By Seldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Eclectic newspaper reviews greeted Hana Gartner when *In Good Company*, the show she hosted until recently, was inaugurated on CBLT last autumn.

Among her most enthusiastic supporters was The Globe and Mail's Blai Kirby, a critic who is usually hard to please. "She has a natural joie de vivre and warmth that flow their way into the living room," he wrote. He went on to say that M. Gartner was destined to be "one of the brightest new stars on the local horizon."

In Good Company has not done well, but Hana's career is still in flux. The 24-year-old has joined the staff of *24 Hours*, the 6 p.m. newscast. Kirby says he expects her to inject some life into the program.

Hana, a transplanted native of Prague, was raised in Montreal. She has lived in Toronto now for a little more than six months. Back home, she established a reputation on radio station CJAD and CBMT-TV. "The audience grew up with me professionally," she said. "When you come to a new city, it's like starting all over again."

But for Hana, it was not merely a case of adjusting to another environment. A creature of radio, she had to make the painful transition from a career largely in radio to one exclusively in television.

"It was very difficult,"



Hana Gartner, who used to host CBLT's "In Good Company," has moved over to "24 Hours" program.

she conceded, recalling her transformation from a radio feature reporter to a TV interviewer on CBMT's *City At Six*. "TV is much more cumbersome and tightly scripted," she explained in an interview. "The timing is critical and there's less leeway. You're also working with a bigger crew. Suddenly, I had to deal with masses and masses of people where before I worked alone. It's phenomenal how many people it takes to put on a show."

In spite of all these obstacles, Hana made a smooth transition from radio to TV in Montreal. Despite her acceptance by the critics, Hana still

suffers from what she calls "the equivalent of post-natal depression" after "the agony of watching myself on the screen." Self-inspection, however, has proved to be beneficial. "That's how I red-pencil myself."

In talking to this bubbly and unpretentious woman, the interviewer comes away with the impression that she is gnawed by other misgivings. "I'm not a fan of my voice," she said, adding, "It's easier to be someone else on television instead of yourself. There are myriad things I don't like about myself, but I won't add any to your inventory."

Ross McLean, CBLT's

program director who "discovered" Hana, probably gives her more credit than she is willing to assign to herself. "She is completely at ease in a television studio," he said. "She displays composure and style in all situations." And Bob Gibbons, the producer of *In Good Company*, claims that Hana has "that unique ability to bring out the best in anybody."

Hana, whose family emigrated from Czechoslovakia when she was still a swaddled infant, is as warm off-camera as she is in the real world. She is also a natural showgirl, full of vitality and charm. She studied communication arts at Montreal's Loyola College, and landed her first job with CJAD.

Hana produced an assortment of popular features running the gamut from pay toilets to bagel factories. In quest of good material, she travelled to India ("a traumatic experience"), the Arctic ("I developed a nationalistic feeling about Canada for the first time") and Israel ("a moving experience"). In 1974 she left CJAD and joined Standard Broadcasting as a parliamentary correspondent. Hana says she is not a political analyst. "I'm not terribly political, but I enjoyed covering the Hill," she said. Hana also broadcast reports about the national election. "The pace was exhausting. I was running on sheer energy and adrenalin."

Reflecting on her career, Hana tried to explain the reasons for her rapid rise in the medium. "I've worked hard, and people have had faith in me. They probably felt I could do the job and that it would work out."

Asked to account for her knack at winning the confidence of others, she was momentarily at a loss of words, rare for Hana Gartner. "I have no idea. I've been lucky that by and large people have found me palatable. The majority of people don't hate my guts."

Although Blai Kirby has compared her emergence from obscurity with Joyce Davidson and June Callwood, Hana has no wildly ambitious plans for the future. "I've never had five-year plans," she

laughed. "I take things as they come. I want to be good at what I'm doing now. What happens tomorrow, happens. You dissipate your energies thinking of the future."

"At CJAD, I never thought of going into TV. I'm not an aggressive hustler. I never had a faculty for that."

Outside of the studio, Hana, who's single, likes to relax at home. "I'm a homebody," she confided. "I'm not a gregarious person. I like to roll up and read and listen to music." She is fond of hooking as well and enjoys fashioning jewelry. These activities, she says, contribute to her mental equilibrium. "TV is all air and so ephemeral," she sighed.



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The above instalments represent an interim billing of 1976 taxes based upon one-half of last year's mill rates. The balance will be billed about the middle of the year and will be payable in another three instalments.

All Interim Realty Tax Bills have now been issued. Ratepayers who have not received tax bills should make immediate application at the Tax Information Counter, City Hall, or by telephone - 367-7115.

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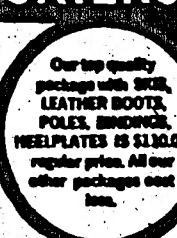
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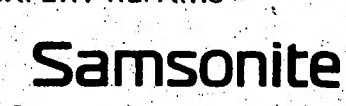
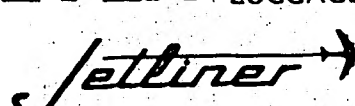
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Arts



The works of painter Henri Weingluck are being shown at Art Gallery on College Street. He's Polish-born.

'Intriguing' life told through art

art

By JULIANNA BORSA

Weingluck's Art Gallery on College Street offers the most striking contrast to the comfortable, antiseptic-white showrooms in the fashionable areas of the city which are Toronto's art galleries. The small, somewhat over-crowded giftshop is filled with the usual china and porcelain objects. But above the shelves around the room are paintings of unexpected quality that represent the life's work and intriguing story of the artist, Henri Weingluck.

Born in Poland in 1902, he was brought up in a traditional Jewish environment. In 1919, he went to Cracow to study in the Academy, but with anti-Semitism increasing, and the constant threat of pogroms, he fled Poland to begin the unsettled life of the wandering Jew. From Cracow to Copenhagen to Berlin, he studied art wherever he went. Before the rise of the Nazis, he received a scholarship to the Berlin Academy of Fine Art. Ironically, the training there seems to have been the most promising and influential in terms of his style. In fact, examples of his work are still to be seen in the Berlin Jewish Museum.

With the advent of the Nazis, he was once again uprooted, and in 1933, he landed in Paris. There he became a member of the famous Societe du Salon d'Automne, a salon that

included such artists as Picasso, Miro and Chagall. Later, he joined the Group of Jewish Artists in France. Much of the work from this period was destroyed during the war, and only photographs, a few sketches and paintings remain. Not unnaturally, Weingluck cherishes those that he managed to recover after the war.

His subjects are always the changing people and places about him. A Jewish wedding, rabbis and students, are from his early periods; the market places in Morocco, a street scene in Tangiers from his sojourn in North Africa after the war. He emigrated to Canada in 1948, and here he has completed several landscapes of Northern Ontario. However, the latter lack the power of his earlier work where his academics training can be traced in the certainty of composition, the correctness of perspective and the evenness of execution. Perhaps the most compelling work is one based on his years in the concentration camps. A frightened pair of eyes staring, bodies gaunt, are seen behind barbed wires. While smoke from the camp is rising in the background, they seem unable to comprehend events, time or space about them. It is as though the artist is saying to us, poignantly yet forcefully: "Never forget!"

While Weingluck's paintings may no longer be fashionable or avant-garde, they are nevertheless important as records, strong reminders from a modest but resolute artist of the survival of art in the most unlikely environments.

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Yehoram Gaon keeps urban style alive

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By RICK KARDONNE



Yehoram Gaon

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Born in Jerusalem in 1941, the third child of a Sephardic-Jewish historian-writer, Yehoram had always wanted to be in show business, so he

joined the Nahal troupe. He was auditioned and accepted — on the ground that he not sing. "You'll do the talking, and leave the singing to the others," he was told. So for two years, Yehoram was the "talking" member of the group. After his army service, he joined the Tel Aviv Cameri Theatre, playing leading roles in several plays. There, he met two other young actors and would-be singers, forming the Yaron Bridge Trio. They scored an immediate success, and Yehoram finally became a singer — but they were individually too good to stay together.

Yehoram then broke away and went to New York, studying at Uta Hagen's School of Dramatic Arts. While there,

Giora Godik, who was then czar of Israel's showbiz scene, offered Yehoram the lead in his new show musical *Kazablan*.

And so, after that, Yehoram Gaon became Israel's leading male singer, starting in five movies, recording a dozen LPs and staging hundreds of performances for soldiers, especially during the wars. His rendition of *Ballad of a Medic*, which won the 1970 Israel Song Festival, to this day remains perhaps the most powerful musical statement ever written about the horrors of war. But most of his songs are on a much more romantic note, and he was the one who immortalized that unforgettable tribute to a fat woman: *Rosa Rosa*.

Yehoram Gaon is living proof that the tradition of popular mature male full-blooded singers — that of Tony Martin, Tony Ben-

nett, and Tom Jones — has not died, even though in the U.S. it has been currently eclipsed by Nashville. But, even more important, Gaon has an individual style all his own. Relaxed, perfectly natural, yet dramatically dynamic, Yehoram Gaon is a major singer not only of our time but of all time, and Toronto will be extremely fortunate enough to hear him perform live at Adath Israel Synagogue at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday night March 20.

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My only suggestion is that perhaps the new Massey Hall should be a bit larger. The numbers of people interested in hearing the TSO has dramatically increased in the past few years; there must be room for all of them.

Novel on nuclear energy is chilling, eye-opening

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

We Almost Lost Detroit,
By John G. Fuller,
Reader's Digest Press.

This is a frightening book. Nuclear energy misused or misunderstood is a threat of almost unimaginable horror; its capabilities for destruction are incalculable.

Every intelligent citizen must be concerned with questions such as these: Can a democracy control technology? Can we solve our pressing energy problems through the use of atomic fission? How safe are the nuclear power stations that are now being built across the continent? Have the scientists and politicians in the United States and Canada told us the truth about the potential dangers involved? Have we solved the problem of the disposal of radioactive waste products of the fission process?

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John G. Fuller provides

a chilling, blow-by-blow description of what happened at the Fermi reactor and also takes the reader on a journey into the entire subject of atomic energy. Along the way he describes six major accidents involving reactors since 1962.

Documents of the United States Atomic Energy Commission that somehow came into Fuller's possession prove indisputably that basic information has been withheld from the American people.

It is regrettable that in his attempt to keep his book readable and popular, the author has eliminated most sources for his information as well as footnotes. There is, however, a splendid bibliography. This is an eye-opening and valuable contribution to a mysterious new kind of power which — unless used with great caution, and with the approval of all parties concerned — could affect for ill the destiny of every person on earth.

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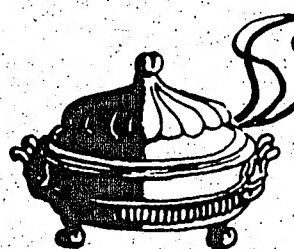
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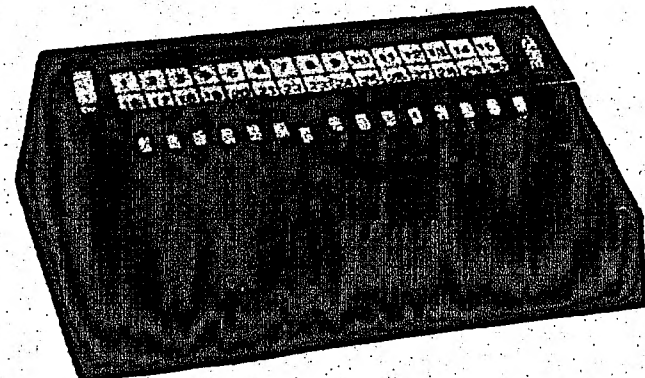
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Not a history book in the traditional sense, but a Florida experience designed for popular reading, *Born of the Sun* is published under the exclusive authorization of the Bicentennial Commission of Florida by Worth International Communications Corporation.

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Approximately 30 writers, many nationally-known, contributed to the contents of the book.

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In their two-year search for a story of Florida that would add to, rather than merely draw from, historical records, editors Joan E. Gill and Beth R. Read traveled to the Office of Public Records in England to find a treaty

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Speaking of his talks with President Sadat and King Hussein, the Nova Scotia minister said both leaders realize another war would only harm their countries but that economic development was necessary for their advancement. He observed that Cairo and Amman were "genuinely interested" in a settlement.

But he expressed the view that the chances of an accord "are not all that great now."

On Canadian-Israeli trade relations, MacEachen said he was "quite sympathetic" about establishing a commission governing economic relations between the two countries. He said Canada wants to improve trading links with the Jewish state.

"We invite her to penetrate our market more and more," he noted. Told that Israel would like to increase trade with Canada by 10% per year, a goal which an Israeli diplomat in Ottawa recently termed "plausible", MacEachen said he could not discuss details.

Asked whether it was true that Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said that MacEachen had been non-committal about Canadian legislation to bar economic boycotts, he replied that such legislation was still under consideration. He reminded the interviewer that Prime Minister Trudeau was against trade discrimination.

Referring to the forthcoming Habitat conference in Vancouver, MacEachen said that if PLO delegates inject extraneous political matters into the debate Canada would have the opportunity of expressing her views as well. He said he was "delighted" that Israel was sending a delegation to Vancouver.

Commenting on the plight of the Syrian Jewish community, MacEachen said "there are limits as you know" as to what Canada could do to ease their position. He said "it requires some care to make helpful moves...one could damage their cause if one moved in recklessly" and displayed respect for Syrian sovereignty.



Canadian External Affairs Minister, Allan MacEachen (right) is greeted by general manager of Jerusalem's Plaza Hotel, Israeli Foreign Minister, Yigal Allon, stands in the middle. MacEachen visited Israel in the course of a 10-day fact-finding tour of the Middle East which took him to four Arab countries. (Israel Sun)

Prof. Lavie to lecture

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Begin addresses rally

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Likud, the National Religious Party and ruling Labor? "This would be advisable at this juncture," he said. "At this serious moment, such a government is necessary, but it is a question of agreement between parties concerned. It is not practical for me to make this direct suggestion when there is no willingness." The latest poll of Israelis, he did point out, showed 63% in favor of a coalition government.

While in Toronto, Begin addressed several UJA canvassers meetings, talked with students assembled at the Associated Hebrew Schools - Community Hebrew Academy, and delivered a more characteristically impassioned speech to a UJA community rally at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Addressing the audience of 1,800 at the synagogue, he stressed: "The day when Arabs learn that Israel is indestructible, then the serious process of peace will start. For too long, Jews have been the exception to the rule in world politics. It is now time that the rules that apply to other nations apply to us. We recognize the rights of Arab peoples, except the right to destroy Israel."

On the resignation of Daniel Moynihan as United States ambassador to

the UN, Begin commented: "It is a pity that he left his post...he understood our position and stood up as an individual. We will always remember his courage in the fight for liberty and justice."

At a breakfast meeting for UJA special gifts

canvassers which Begin attended during his two days of hectic activity in Toronto, Campaign Chairman Wilfred Posluns told volunteers the 1976 campaign, which has reached the halfway point, is running about 20% ahead of last year.

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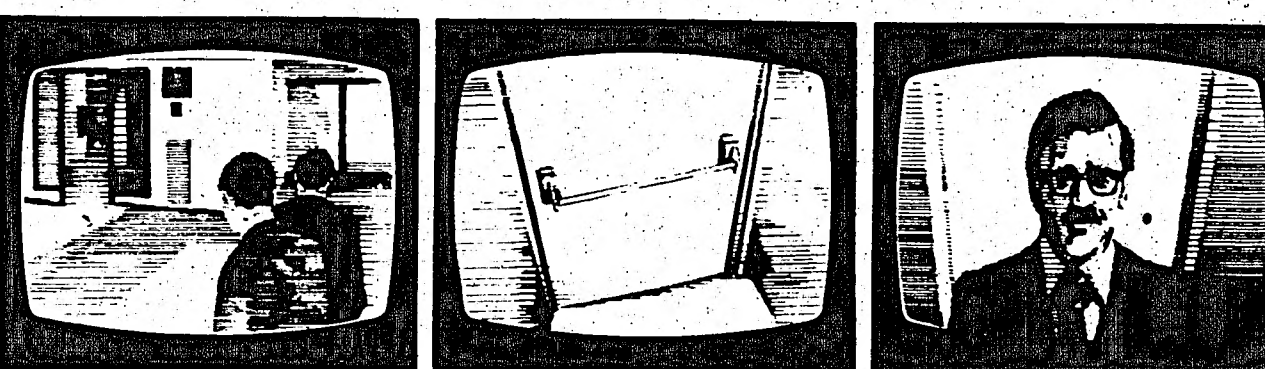
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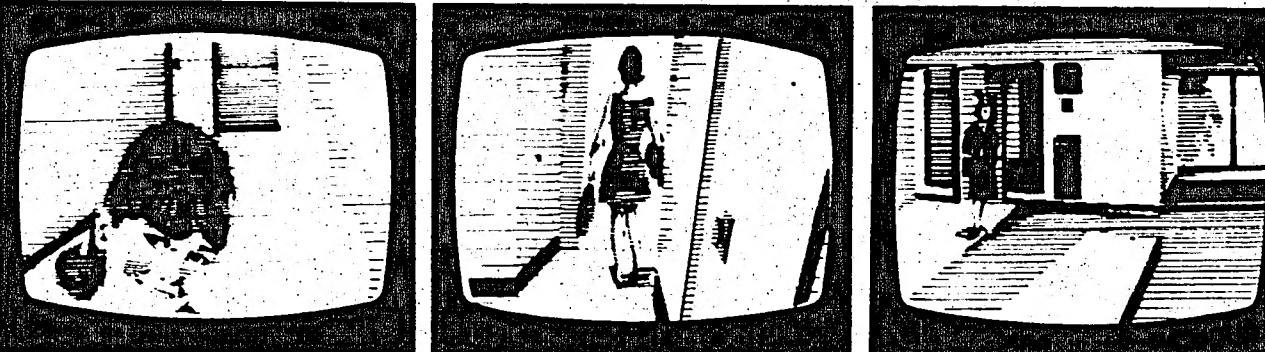
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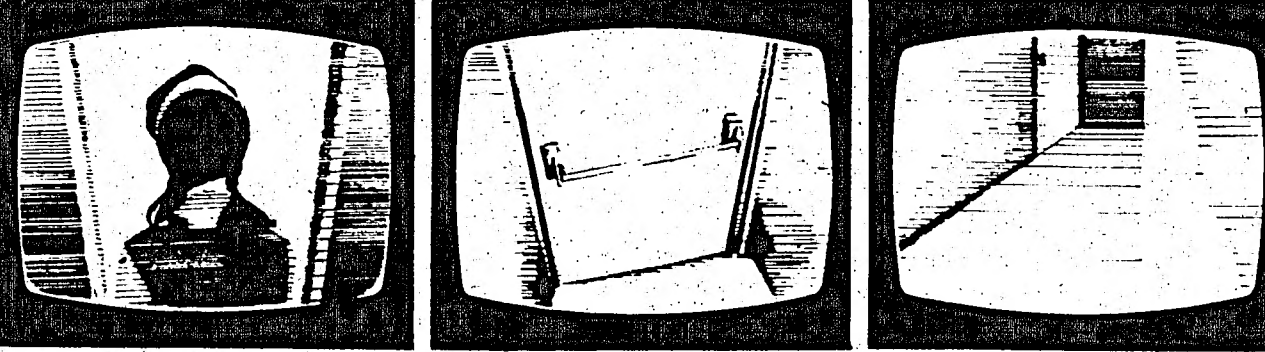
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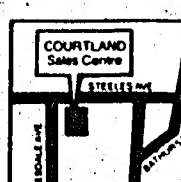
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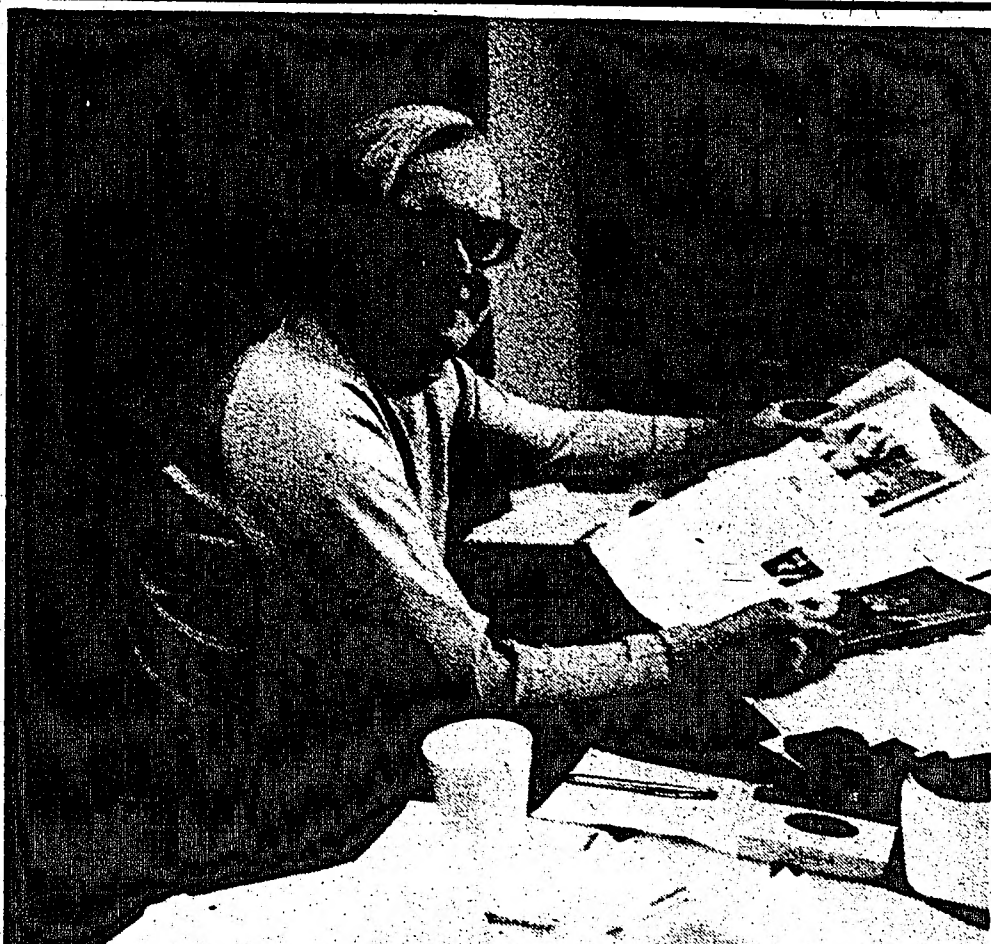
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Mel Morris, managing editor of Maclean's, is busy putting out the next issue of the magazine. Morris, 45, has had a varied journalistic career. (Maclean's photo)

'Orthodox unresponsive to the needs of youth'

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

Orthodox religions have by and large been unresponsive and irrelevant to the current needs of young people, is the assertion of a Toronto psychiatrist who has just completed a study on youth and contemporary religious movements.

Dr. Saul Levine, a senior staffman at the Hospital for Sick Children, has found a disproportionate number of Jewish youth tend to gravitate to Eastern-derived, mystical "fringe" groups, because traditional religion has failed to supply answers to identity-related psychological problems.

His yet-to-be-published study, based on interviews with 106 subjects, reveals the Jewish devotees to be highly educated, from affluent backgrounds and generally, from healthy, stable, Jewish-identified families.

Most had an extensive "softer" drug history (marijuana and hashish) and claimed to have had more than a few sexual experiences.

While the volunteer subjects were not randomly chosen, making statistical impressions somewhat speculative, Levine's study shows 16.9% of the interviewees from nine contemporary religious movements were Jewish.

Considering only the four "Oriental" groups examined (such as Hare Krishna, Divine Light) the number of Jewish followers jumped to a figure of 33%. American studies, explained Levine in an interview with The CJN, have shown Jewish

membership in contemporary religious groups to be as high as 40%.

Of the Jewish subjects interviewed, Levine found two who were from Orthodox families, while the bulk had received some religious education and lived in homes where their parents were "strongly identified with Judaism and Israeli."

There was no correlation between "strictness" or "laxness" of religious training as children, and their subsequent religious involvement.

The 37-year-old psychiatrist described the followers of these minority movements as "reactors — alienated, unhappy, vulnerable, they reflect a dissatisfaction with contemporary society and particularly their own personal state in it."

But, he adds, "It would be fallacious to label all of these religious followers as more emotionally disturbed than their peers."

He did report that a significant number could have been categorized as "neurotically anxious or depressed prior to their

'conversion', but few came close to representing the popular depiction of 'brainwashed'."

When asked to specify the rationale for joining the groups and the benefits derived from the religion, 80% of the time, subjects offered psychological rather than spiritual, transcendental or mystical reasons, noted Levine.

Most commonly cited personal gains enunciated by devotees were an increased sense of security, expanded self-confidence and improved interpersonal relationships.

Surprising to Levine, the followers were impressed by the structure, rigid rituals, authoritarianism and hierarchy, characteristic of all the contemporary religious groups studied.

"The inherent structure of these religions fulfils needs not being met elsewhere," he explained. "Mainly it supplies answers to identity-related and existential questions plaguing the members..."

An intense belief is extremely comforting to an individual; it helps overcome pain, it gives to the individual a coherence to the inanity of living, it acts as a crutch when the going gets rough."

Many of the young people seek the alternative of these religious groups as an open rebellion against family and will shun anything to do with Judaism, said the adolescent psychiatrist.

"The Jewish parents have been devastated," the father of three commented sympathetically. "They have no choice but to be hostile and negative. But in effect, they push their kids into the enemy camp."



Dr. Saul Levine

By Sheldon Kirschner
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

Mel Morris is a nomadic journalist who has had a varied career in the last 25 years. But now the 45-year old managing editor of Maclean's believes he has finally found a congenial watering hole deep enough to sate his curiosity and drive.

Over the years, he has worked for a variety of newspapers and three wire services in Canada and Europe, quitting each time for the same reason. "I get fed up when the job becomes too routine, when I perform by rote," said the ruddy-cheeked Morris in his office the other day.

There is no immediate danger that boredom will invade Morris' domain at Maclean's, for he is totally caught up in the frantic effort to create a Canadian weekly news-magazine that will resemble Time and Newsweek in format, if not necessarily in style.

"The prospect of going weekly will keep me around," he said. "There's a challenge." Judging by appearances during the interview, Morris was far from bored.

He joined Maclean's as an associate editor a little more than two years ago when it was still a monthly. It emerged as a bi-monthly last October and the likelihood is that it will be a weekly by 1977, he disclosed.

Second in command to editor Peter Newman, Morris' function is basically "to co-ordinate copy with the production schedule." That, he said, involves the overseeing of 18 writers and editors, planning upcoming editions and keeping abreast of the latest developments in 15 magazine sections dealing with subjects ranging from Canada and the world to education and broadcasting.

Normally, Morris puts in a relatively unhurried 10-hour day over six and sometimes seven days. But in the last frenzied days before the deadline approaches, the tranquil offices at Maclean's are magically transformed into a panic operation.

The job he likes least of all, he admitted, is at the

printing plant. "It's dull, dull." What he enjoys most of all is reading well-written copy that can be run with a minimum of editing. "I really get a rush when I see a good story," he said. "If it can carry me through to completion, I know I've got a good one. If it gets me halfway, it needs rewriting."

According to Morris, Maclean's own fulltime correspondents need scant editing or rewriting. But stringers' stories are usually rewritten from top to bottom because the majority of them are newspapermen unaccustomed to magazine style.

Another reason why copy is so tightly edited at Maclean's is because it must be as timely as possible. The dailies, he explained, are full of reports and features and Maclean's cannot compete with them in terms of quantity of stories. But in order to survive, he noted, the magazine must come up with different news slants. "We need angles that will survive for at least two weeks. It means a lot more digging by the reporters and focusing on angles and stories that the papers ignore."

In his opinion, Maclean's can match, if not exceed, the credibility

Time has established in this country. And that rosy perception will undoubtedly discourage Morris from taking up his old Bedouin ways.

Morris, married to the former Shirley Dworkin, an editor at Maclean-Hunter, was born and raised 20 miles east of Ottawa in a place called Rockland. He worked in a bank after graduating from high school. "But I got fed up," he said. He chose journalism because he figured it would be "a hell lot better than banking."

He enrolled at Carleton's journalism school. With a degree in hand, he was hired by UPI in

Montreal. He moved to CP in 1954 and three years later found himself at Reuters in London, England, as a deskman. In 1962, he became The Toronto Star's foreign editor, and in 1969 he was named city editor by the now-defunct Toronto Telegram. He returned to the Star as national editor after the Telly folded.

Morris, who has thus been an editor for the better part of his career ("I'm a better editor than a writer"), can look forward to big challenges at Maclean's. There is so much to be done in turning it into a thriving weekly that it is unlikely he will fold up his tent in

search of mental sustenance at another desert well.

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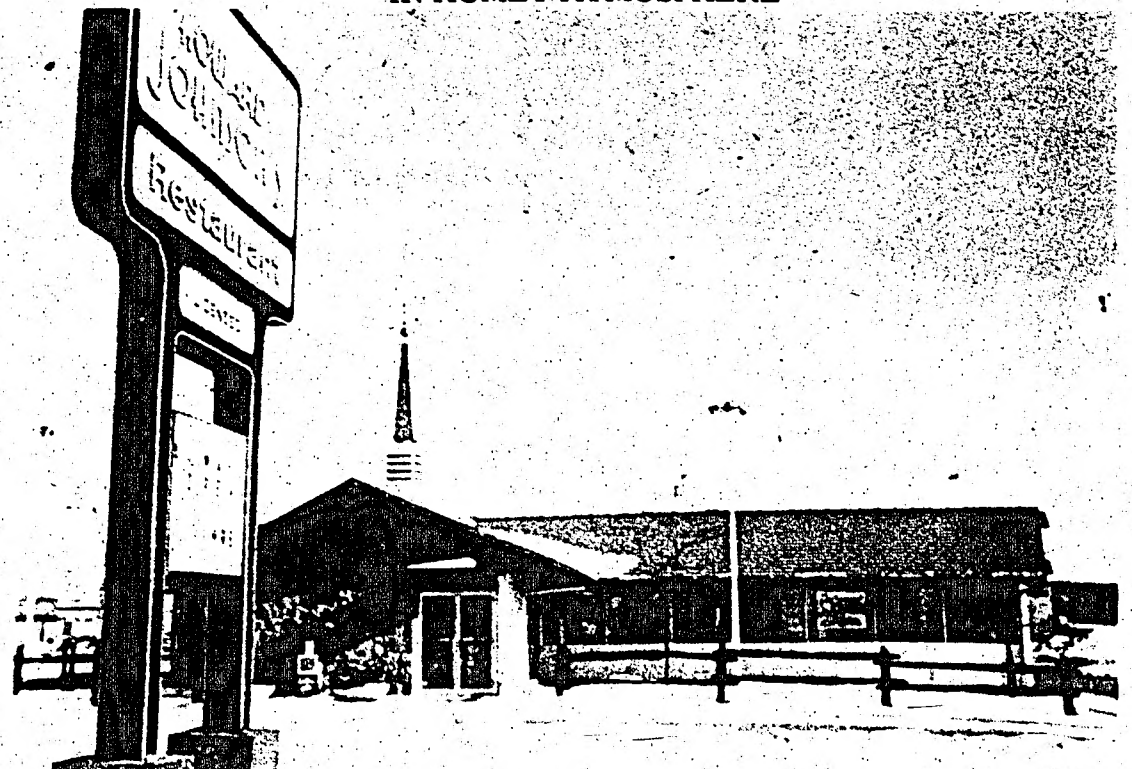
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